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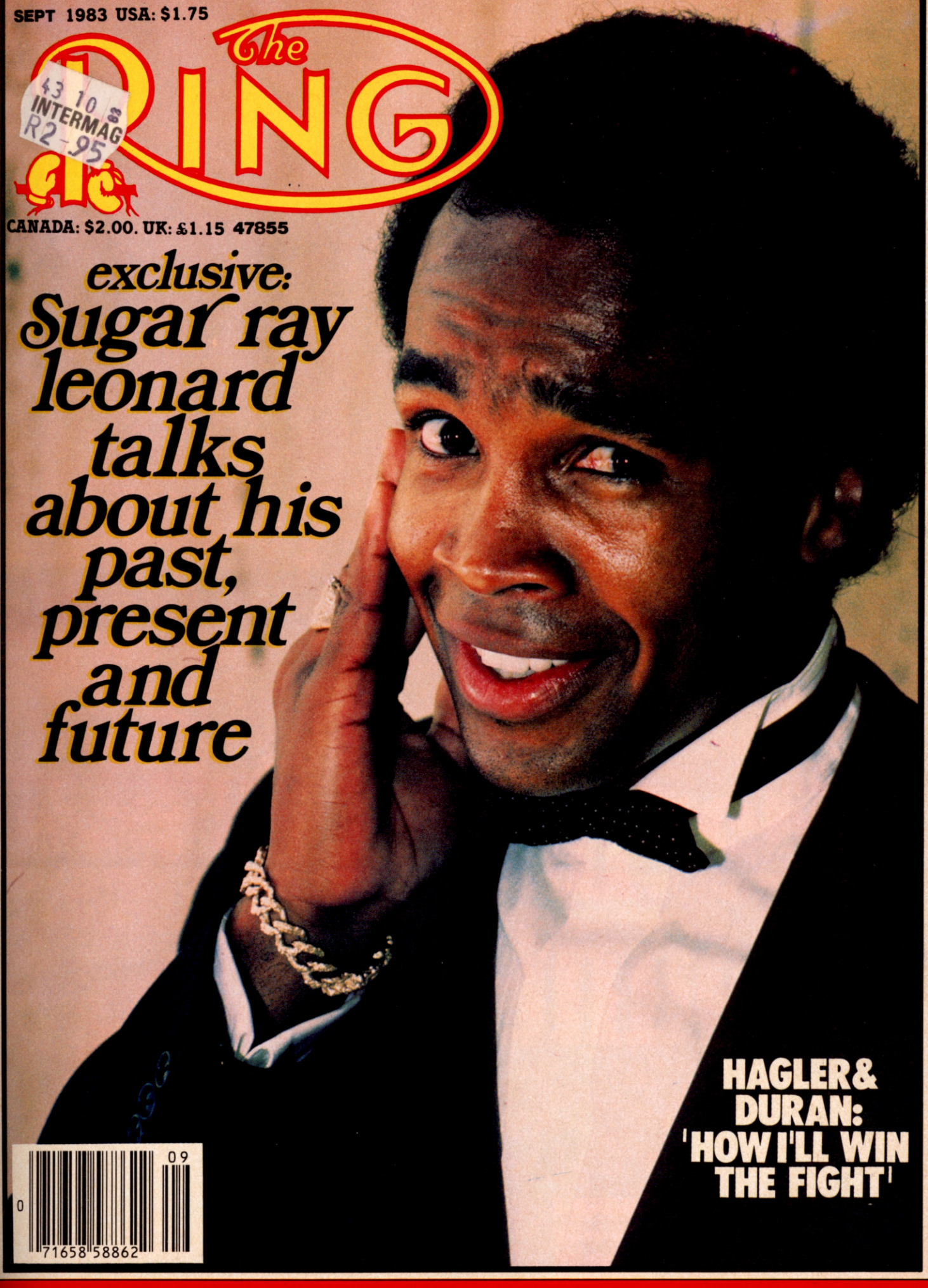

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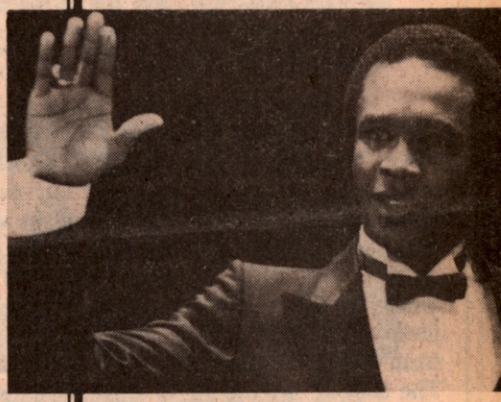


RINGSIDE

REMEMBER THE LINE WE USED AS KIDS WHICH went, "Who died and left you king?" The line was used as a squelch to any of our mini-tormentors who tried to lord it over us and begged the question more than sought an answer. Well, after all these years, we've finally come up with the answer to one of life's little unanswerable questions, although, truth to tell, we were not looking for one. The answer, my friends, is "Jose Sulaiman," the man who would be king over all the boxing world he surveys—which ain't much, considering his five-foot-six-inch size.

Hiding in his office down in Mexico City—probably located somewhere atop a charm and beauty school combined with a gas station—boxing's not-so-benevolent dictator for life issues pronunciamentos and edicts meant to control his little WBC fiefdom. During the past few months he has taken to stripping anything and everything he can, trying mightily to take the hard-won crowns away from Larry Holmes, Bobby Chacon, Marvin Hagler and anyone else he can find. In fact, he has stripped everyone and everything down to, and including, his own shorts. But he need not have bothered, this king already having been exposed as having none to strip. But it isn't so much that Jose views himself as king; he also views himself as king-maker as well—not only as in Don King, but as in one who rewards his friends and punishes his so-called enemies. Take the cause celebre of Bobby Chacon, for instance. Because Sulaiman had elected to protect the option clause in his constitution over the equally persuasive one in favor of having the mandatory challenger fight for the title, he found that Chacon's actions in electing to fight the Number One-contender, Boza-Edwards, over Hector Camacho, the fighter protected by the option Chacon had with Don King, was nothing short of treasonable. And so it was, finding that Bobby Chacon was "no friend" of his, that Herr Sulaiman fired off a telegram from Mexico City informing Chacon of the removal of his WBC junior lightweight crown, and setting up an elimination fight between Camacho and the number-3 ranked contender for the title, the much used-up Bazooka Limon. Chacon rebelled and got an injuction in a California court. But here Jose, in one of those sterling little remarks he must stay awake evenings to think up, came out with, "This is not a county or a state championship, it's a world championship." And then, as if to prove it was only *his* world he was talking about, said, in answer to a question whether he would also strip Larry Holmes for not fighting Greg Page, the number-one contender for the heavyweight crown, "No, I will not strip Holmes; Holmes is my friend." So much for whose championship he is talking about.

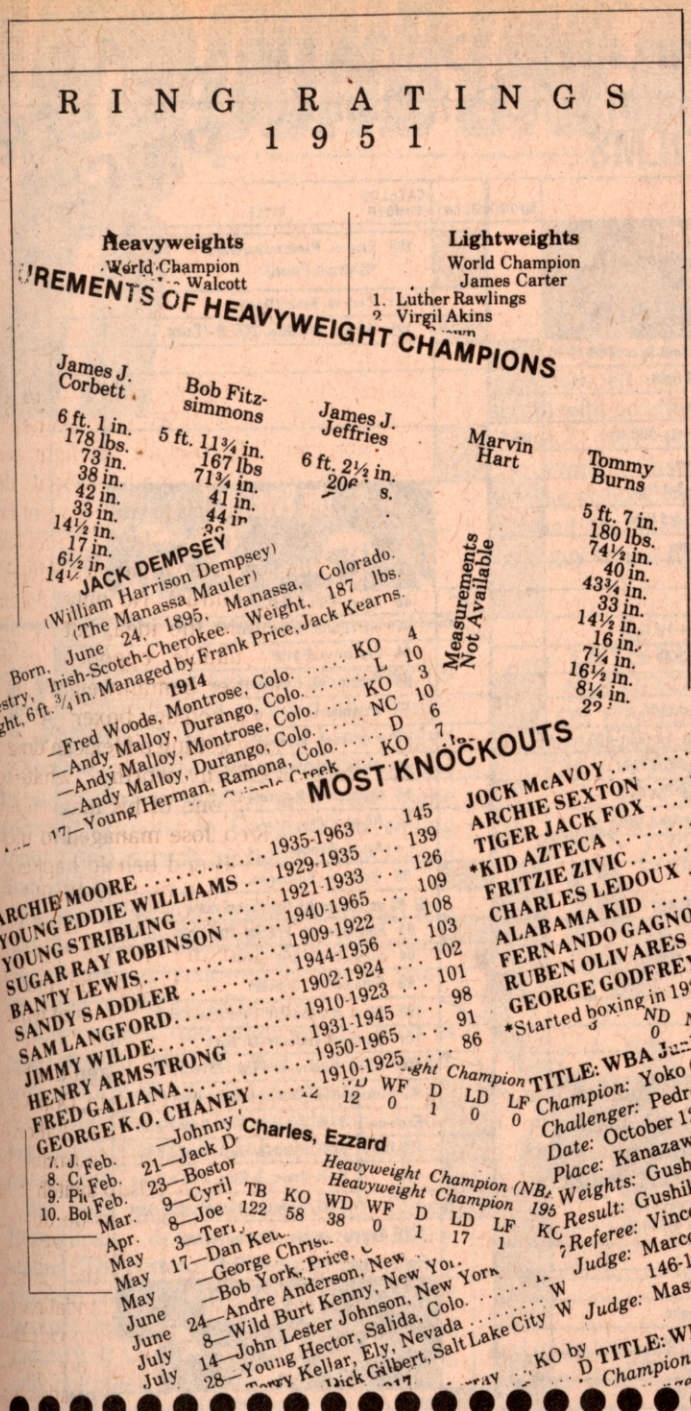
But if favoritism is the only sin of commission this man who could easily have served as the prototype for O. Soglow's cartoon character "The Little King" is guilty of, he would be no different from many of the crooks who have populated boxing for so long. This time he has seen them one and raised them, involving himself in a long list of questionable practices. For only recently a story emerged of how Sulaiman got his pudgy fingers of deceit right up to the second joint in a promotion held in Puerto Rico—and made $5,000 doing so.

Seems that a local promoter from the island wanted to sign up Wilfredo Gomez for three non-title fights before his fight with Juan LaPorte for the featherweight title became an actuality. This promoter went first to Gomez' manager and then to Sulaiman himself, telling them he would pay $100,000 for a three-fight contract. No only did our hero, Jose, warm to the idea, but he also came up with a "suitable" opponent for the first bout, the former bantamweight titliest and currently washed-up boxer Alfonso Zamora, personally getting a Mexican doctor to find him "Medically worthy," whatever that means. During one of his many flying tours of Puerto Rico Jose managed to meet this promoter and lo and behold happened not have have any cash on him. Would the promoter, humbly asked Jose, lend him $5,000? Surely, said the promoter, now a partner with Jose in staging the first of Gomez' three fights—even to the point where Jose had provided the opponenet.

But now, with TV rights sold and the bout quickly approaching its target date, Don King calls Jose and tells him his Juan LaPorte-Johnny DeLa Rosa promotion is in trouble in Santo Domingo and he needs to switch it to Puerto Rico. Just so happens to be on the same date as the planned Gomez-Zamora fight. Would the promoter for the Gomez bout switch his date as an accomodation to Don King?, asks Jose. He can't, responds the promoter, the television rights are guaranteed for that specific date. Too bad, says Jose and almost immediately thereafter the Mexican doctor who had been procured by Jose enters, stage left, to issue another medical report, insisting that the first one was only meant to cover Zamora in a three-round exhibition. The fight, obviously, was cancelled, and the promoter was out his advance, his television contract and, yes, his $5,000. But here Gomez' manager, incuriously enough, tries to pay it back. The promoter won't accept, willing only to take it from the man who borrowed it, the man who holds himself out to be boxing's "King," Jose Sulaiman.

No, Jose, you have ceased to be an embarrasment to boxing; right now you're giving Frankie Carbo a good name.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR



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BY A VOTE OF 254-167 THE HOUSE OF Representatives rejected Rep. James Florio's bill which would have created a 10-member panel with a $950,000 budget to study professional boxing and make recommendations to Congress on setting minimum standards for fights in the United States.

Florio, the South Jersey Democrat, had told the House before the vote that recent ring events had "renewed the call by many for stong regulation of boxing."

Florio argued that other sports, such as baseball and football, are self-regulated, with uniform standards and strong national commissioners, but "the regulation of boxing, on the other hand, is best described as a non-system."

But Rep. John Erlenborn, an Illinois Republican, denounced the measure, stating "The Federal Government is not omnipotent and cannot concern itself with yet another duty—the regulation of the boxing industry. If Congress can regulate boxing, why not other professional sports? Boxing, however, is no different from other professional sports in that its participants and the public get pretty much what they deserve."

Now Congress can get back to important things, like censuring its members for getting lost in the pages.

ICING AN OPPONENT

DEFINITELY NOT EMBARKING ON A ring comeback is Muhammad Ali, but The Greatest did put the gloves on recently for a three-round charity exhibition match against National Hockey League star Dave Semenko at the Albert Northlands Coliseum.

The crowd of 5,500 watched the Edmonton Oilers left winger pound on the clowning Ali with no effect in the first round of the "bout." But the three-time World Heavyweight Champion, looking a bit fat in his blue striped sweatshirt, showed that he still had the moves to outclass the NHL toughguy in the final two frames. Near the

end of the third round, Ali landed a flurry of punches that snapped the hockey player's head back and bloodied his nose.

The judges ruled the brief encounter a "draw," but the out-of-breath Semenko had no delusions of grandeur. "Now I know why he's the greatest champion in the world," said Semenko as he toweled the blood off his face. He's still quick and he still moves well. I'm glad I met him when he was 40 years old."

PRYOR-ARGUELLO II: THE REMATCH

QUASHING RUMORS THAT HAD BEEN running rampant for weeks that his Pryor-Arguello rematch had fallen through, promoter Dan Duva of Main Events put on an impressive show of force at New York's Harley Hotel as he officially announced the signing of the much-awaited bout for September 9 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Attending the press conference, which was beamed nationally to cable TV systems, were Aaron Pryor and Alexis Arguello —who will once again be fighting for Pryor's World Junior Welterweight Title—and Thomas Hearns and James "Hardrock" Green, who will square off for the junior middleweight crown on the undercard.

Pryor was accompanied by his new trainer, Richie Giachetti, who joined with the champion when he recently signed an exclusive promotional contract with Sylvester Stallone's company, Tiger Eye, Ltd. Pryor's deal with Stallone takes effect after this fight.

Accompanying Arguello was his business agent, Bill Miller, who lambasted Pryor and his then-trainer, Panama Lewis for allegedly cheating in last November's epic Pryor-Arguello confrontation, which Aaron won on a 14th-round knockout. "Buddy LaRosa (Pryor's estranged manager) had told me, 'Watch out for Panama Lewis,'" related Miller. "We insisted that there be close prefight supervision of Pryor's corner, but there was none. I'm not saying that the Miami Boxing Commission was corrupt, but they were there as spectators, not administrators.

"It looked like Pryor had bricks in his gloves every time he hit Alexis. It's *criminal* what happened to Alexis. And there was outright proof, right on the Home Box Office tape, that Pryor was given illegal substances in the middle of the fight. We protested formally to the WBA, and you know what their response was? Nothing! That's right, we still haven't heard from them."

Pryor and Giachetti dismissed Miller's charges as a bunch of sour grapes. "They think they can pin everything on Lewis after he was suspended for the Resto fight," Giachetti said afterward.

And Pryor received support from Arguello himself, who was taking the high road while his agent took the low road. "I didn't think there was anything wrong with his gloves," Arguello said. "At the moment I

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felt the punches I was exhausted, but they felt 'right.' I don't think anything was wrong except that he was hitting me hard."

As to appealing the last fight to the WBA—"I told my manager, 'Just get me Pryor again,' " Arguello remembers. "And he did."

THE COMEBACKS ARE COMING!

COMEBACKS ARE MAKING A comeback.

Former WBA light heavyweight champion Mike Rossman, who called a halt to his eight-year pro ring career in mid-1981 afte being knocked out by Dwight Braxton, returned to the ring wars recently. In two months, the one-time "Jewish Bomber" from Turnersville, N.J., notched knockout wins over journeymen Charlie Smith and Al Fracker, bringing his lifetime record to 42-7-3. Still, Rossman is surprisingly only 26 years old.

"I'm too young to be washed up," says Rossman. "If I can keep winning, I'll keep fighting. The division is wide open out there. After a few more fights, I'll be ready to go for the title again."

A little older than Rossman at 30 years old, but still in fighting shape, is former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo, who retired after Marvin Hagler busted him up and stopped him in late spring, 1981. The Italian-born, Brooklyn, N.Y. resident, who compiled a record of 46-6-2 in ten years of punching for pay, has been working hard in the gym lately and is looking to pick up a fight . . . as a junior middleweight.

"I always could have fought at 154," says Vito. "Now's the time to do it. I'd love to get my hands on Duran."

Mike's and Vito's comeback plans look realistic, compared to those of 1960's and '70's heavyweight white hope, Jerry Quarry. The Californian, who last fought six years ago has been talking to different state commissions about getting a license to return to the ring as a cruiserweight, at the age of 38.

HOWARD DAVIS; BOXING'S TREADMILL TO OBLIVION

HOWARD DAVIS JR. HAS COMPLAINED long and loud about his inability to secure a shot at the world lightweight championship. Rated tops in the division by *The Ring*, behind WBA champion Ray Mancini and WBC titlist Edwin Rosario, Davis found himself treading water in the WBA and WBC rankings. The WBA ridiculously ranked him number six and the WBC put him at number two, behind Jose Luis Ramirez, who had just lost a disputed decision to Rosario in a fight for the vacant title. Mancini showed no inclination to fight Davis, and Bobby Goodman, spokesman for Rosario's promoter, Don King, laid the cards on the table when he told a newsman, "Why should we give Davis a shot? He's not one of *our* fighters."

"I can't understand the ratings system," said Davis, who announced in May that he would now campaign as a junior welterweight, as well as a lightweight, in an effort to secure a shot at *some* title. But Davis and his Long Island millionaire manager, Edward Gersh, maintained that they would not sign away pieces of Howard's future to Don King or to anyone else.

In June, after Davis scored an impressive knockout over the WBC's fourth-ranked lightweight, Greg Coverson, the WBC issued a new set of ratings demoting Davis from number-two contender to number three. Apparently "seeing the light," Davis immediately signed a contract giving a series of options to Don King.

By sheer coincidence, WBC president Jose Sulaiman, a close friend of King, then stated that the demotion of Davis had probably been the result of an error.

ON THE WHOLE, HE'D RATHER BE IN PHILADELPHIA

TONY AYALA JR.'S REMAINING BOXING aspirations have been dealt a severe blow by the New Jersey Department of Corrections. The department's Prison Classifications Committee has turned down the convicted rapist's request that he be sent to Rahway State Prison to begin serving his 35-year sentence. The committee has ordered that Ayala go to the maximum-security Trenton State Prison, which unlike Rahway, has no provision for an inmate having a pro ring career on the side.

ALI'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

VETERAN RING OFFICIAL ART LURIE, A commissioner on the Nevada State Athletic Commission, has swapped jobs with commission chairman Sid Rogich for the 1983-'84 term. It's Lurie's second time around in the post—he chaired the commission in 1963—and comes at a time when Las Vegas is reasserting itself as the boxing capital of the world, beating back

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the challenge of Atlantic City, N.J. for that title.

The 65-year-old Lurie is famous in boxing trivia annals for being the lone judge who voted for Muhammad Ali when Leon Spinks won the World Heavyweight Championship on a split decision over Ali on February 15, 1978 in Las Vegas.

Lurie showed he has a sense of humor when he later accepted a white cane given him as a gag for his scoring of that fight. But even today, he stands by his call of the bout: "I've looked at the films a number of times and I still think Ali won that fight," the chairman maintains.

KING'S COURT

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARL KING ON his recent marriage. There is no truth to the rumor that Carl was only standing in at the altar for father, Don King. Carl did in fact manage this prospect on his own.

PATTERSON: AN ERROR OF COMMISSION

FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Floyd Patterson, a commissioner on the New York State Athletic Commission since 1977, didn't make much of it when retiring Governor Hugh Carey—who had appointed Floyd to his job—asked Patterson to campaign for Ed Koch in last year's gubernatorial election. Patterson did his bit for Koch, but the New York City mayor, as heavy a favorite as Patterson was when he was knocked out by Ingemar Johansson in Yankee Stadium in 1959, got swamped by Mario Cuomo in the Democratic primary.

Now, six months after taking office at the helm of the Empire State, Governor Cuomo has made a few changes at the State Athletic Commission. Chairman Jack Prenderville, who reportedly had told the Governor he wanted out, has been replaced by John Branca, a Democratic Assemblyman and brother of former Brooklyn Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca. And Patterson and Louis Rios, the two commissioners who definitely wanted in, have been sent packing, replaced by James Dupree (a history professor who is not related to the 1960's light heavyweight contender of the same name) and Jose Torres, the former light heavyweight champion. Both men bring strong qualifications to the job, not the least of which is that neither campaigned for Ed Koch.

A BRIEF MOMENT OF GLORY

KEN NORTON IS BACK IN THE GYM, working out. But no, the former WBC heavyweight champion, who retired from the ring after his 54-second knockout loss to Gerry Cooney in the spring of 1981, is not embarking on a comeback.

Norton, who recently did the color commentary along with Curt Gowdy on a kickboxing championship card televised from Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum, is doing sit-ups and running to lose some weight. Ken can't afford to look fat now; he just signed a two-year deal to model Fernando Sanchez' new 40-piece line of men's designer underwear.

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

CARLOS DELEON SURPRISED A lot of people last month when he regained the WBC cruiser-weight title from S.T. Gordon a year after Gordon had knocked him out for the title. Such an event is hardly unprecedented. Name 10 other instances in which a champion won back his title from the man who had taken it from him on a knockout.

Last month's question: Which champion won only 3 of his first 10 bouts and only 7 of his first 17?

Answer: If you said former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver, you're wrong. Weaver didn't win either of his first two fights but he won 5 of his first 10 and a glowing 11 of his first 17. If you said former welterweight titleholder BILLY BACKUS, you're right. Backus was 3-0-1 after four fights, 3-4-3 after ten fights, and 7-7-3 after 17.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

RICHARD GREEN JR., 46, VETERAN Nevada referee was shot to death in an apparent suicide in his North Las Vegas home. The first black ever to referee a world title fight in Nevada, Green handled the Holmes-Ali Heavyweight Championship fight and the tragic Mancini-Kim lightweight fight in recent years. Detective Gary Rainey of the N. Las Vegas Police Department says that the department is awaiting FBI forensics tests on the gun and shells before officially closing the case.

PUNCHLINES

ROCK NEWMAN, DWIGHT BRAXTON'S MANAGER, on Eddie Mustafa Muhammad's charge that the scale was wrong at the weigh-in for the Spinks fight: "The scale was fine—It's the a-hole that was on it!"

Harry Markson, on why a certain publisher always wears a hat: "So that he has something to talk through."

Tony Ayala Sr., quoted in the August, 1977 issue of *Sport* magazine, on whether he would let his son fight for Don King: "Let me put it this way. Would you trust your little girl with a rapist?"

BY BEN SHARAV

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CALLS RING REPORTER BIASED

IN HIS REPORT ON THE MCCRORY-JONES fight (June), your correspondent, Christopher Coats was intent on comparing both fighters with the retired champion, Sugar Ray Leonard. This was most unfair, as Leonard was arguably one of the all-time greats. The overall impression of the fight given by this report is that it was a boring draw fought by two second-raters.

I watched the fight live on TV with a number of friends and we all found the fight exciting and entertaining. Early on, McCrory's skill and speed seemed too much for Jones. But as the fight progressed, Colin's power, stamina and determination became the dominant factor. In the end a draw seemed about right in a fight that was a fine example of boxer against slugger.

On reflection, your writer's view of the fight seems rather mysterious. Apparently he and the other American journalists, who gave Jones no chance of winning, could not watch the fight without letting their preconcieved biases interfere.

JOHN HUGHES, UDDINGSTON, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

GO THUMBLESS

THE NEW YORK STATE ATHLETIC COMMISsion study reporting on the increased safety derived from using thumbless gloves (*Round One*, July) and the tragic story of Sugar Ray Seales ("Blind and Broke," same issue) are a compelling argument in favor of using thumbless gloves in all boxing matches. It seems that in almost every fight I watch nowadays, one fighter or the other gets thumbed. As the study indicated, thumbless gloves are much safer.

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RECOGNITION FOR CHANDLER WAS OVERDUE

IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE JEFF Chandler on the cover of the July RING; the attendant story by Nigel Collins was very good reading.

Although here in South Philadelphia we're delighted with the cover story on Chandler, we're somewhat ambivalent. Three years ago when Joltin' Jeff became the first American to win the world bantamweight title in 30 years, he should have been on the cover of every sports magazine in the country—especially those devoted to the manly art of self-defense.

After eight successful defenses of his world title, we're convinced our Jeff is the best-rounded fighter on the planet, who improves with each encounter.

"Jeff Chandler: The Best Fighter Nobody Knows," is the caption under Jeff's picture. However, THE RING has to share the blame for that. It sure took you guys a long time to recognize Jeff Chandler.

JOE BUSH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

HOLMES SHOULD FIGHT THE BEST OR BOW OUT

TIME IS AN OPPONENT WHICH NO athlete can beat. Larry Holmes earned his reputation as a great heavyweight champion by defeating all of the top contenders but age is beginning to tarnish his skills.

There are three alternatives which the champion faces: 1. He can call it a career now and go out as only the second undefeated heavyweight champion in boxing history.; 2. He can go for broke and give it one more effort against a *worthy* opponent (Page, Dokes, Thomas et. al.); 3. He can say "To hell with deserving contenders" and give a title shot to some youngster who has not earned it.

Regrettably, Holmes seems to have chosen alternative 3, with Marvis Frazier as his opponent. I do not mean to put down Marvis Frazier. He's up-and-coming and with the right perseverance will probably eventually earn a title shot. Right now there are plenty of other fighters out there just like him. But Marvis' daddy was champion so he gets a title shot. Is a big name any reason why he should not have to earn his shot like the others?

I can't quite understand the deal about Larry getting more money for fighting Frazier than for fighting Page. Are boxing fans fools? What kind of morons would pay more to see a kid who's never even fought a contender than to see the number one contender fighting the champion for the crown?!

Come on Larry. If you feel you can no longer beat the best, then it's time to bow out and give the best their chance. The fans will understand.

STEVEN ARMIN, OKI, JAPAN, U.S.M.C.

BENITEZ' LUCK RUNS OUT

IF WILFED BENITEZ IS THE BIBLE OF BOXING it must be the apocrypha version to say the most. He has had three crowns, but he has been unable to keep any of them. He has been lucky enough to have good connections throughout his career. This, and the fact that he is indeed a master at looking good, has enabled him to enjoy a star status for so long. But his luck is running out.

Mustafa Hamsho may not be a Thomas Hearns or a Ray Leonard, but he sure has guts, and that's the perfect prescription for a cutie. That's two for Hamsho, first Czyz and now Benitez. And boy did I love it.

JOSE M. RODRIGUEZ, BRONX, N.Y.

DROP COONEY

THE RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS are a vast improvement over the WBA and WBC joke sheets. But one thing irks me: Your top-ten ranking of Gerry Cooney. Cooney has never defeated a top-ten contender, has not won a fight in over two years and has not fought in over a year. Yet amazingly, RING still ranks Cooney number 8.

Now Cooney has had a hand operation that will keep him idle even longer. But even before the injury Cooney didn't want to fight the Coetzees and Thomases and Witherspoons—the top men in the division. He wanted to fight Phillip Brown, a sparring partner who hasn't beaten anyone of note.

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—RON DITTRICH

A *Randy Gordon, the only member of* The Ring *staff capable of doing 600 situps, says that 100 a day is plenty if you've got your stomach where you want it—unless you're trying for the* Guiness Book of Records.

Q Would you please give me some information on Panama Joe Gans?

—JAMES J. HART

A *Panama Joe Gans, Born Cyril Quinton in Barbados on November 14, 1896, was one of the world's toughest middleweights during and shortly after World War I. Panama scored his biggest victory in 1921, when he knocked out future world champion Tiger Flowers. Among the other men he fought were Mike McTigue, Jamaica Kid, Jackie Clark, Jock Malone, Harry Martone, Italian Joe Gans, Lou Bogash, and Wild Bert Kenny.*

Q When did Bert Randolph Sugar take over as editor of *The Ring*? Is Nat Loubet still living? If he is, how can I contact him? If he isn't, where is he buried?

—JOHN WILKINSON

A The Ring *became the flagship of the Sugar Publishing Empire in 1979. Nat Loubet is alive and well and living somewhere in Vermont.*

Q Did Kid Moro, A Filipino boxer of the early 1930s, ever have any fights in the U.S. besides the one he had with Barney Ross?

—WILLIAM M. TATOM

A *He certainly did. I don't have his complete U.S. log, but I know he fought three rip snorting battles with Henry Armstrong in late 1933. Armstrong won a close decision in the first bout, held in Pismo Beach, Calif. on November 3, 1933, and the other two (held in Stockton and Watsonville, California over the next few weeks) were draws.*

Q Would you please provide the record of Tommy Shaw, British lightweight out of Plymouth who boxed in the post-World War II period?

—H.R. SHORT

A *Believe that several British sources could provide a more complete record on Shaw than I have available right now. From 1948 to 1951, however, Shaw had 22 pro bouts, winning 17 (two knockouts), losing four, and boxing one draw.*

Q Why is Bobby Chacon rated number four in *The Ring* ratings when he's the world champion?

—CHANCE BARCUS

A *Chacon is now ranked first, but the point is that he is (or was, depending on what happens in the courts) the WBC champ, not the world champion as recognized by* The Ring. *As such, he must be ranked in whatever position he comes out in when the ballots of the Ring's Int. Ratings Panel are added up. This is nothing against Chacon. Incidentally,* The Ring Record Book *lists bout-by-bout records for every title claimant in boxing history. The 1983 edition is available now.*

Q Ray Mancini is my favorite, and I would do *anything* to meet him. Is the lady with her arms around him on page 18 of your June issue his girlfriend?

—KATHY DALY

A *They look like very* good friends to me.

Q May I have the round-by-round scoring of the first Louis-Conn bout?

—PETER J. AMENDALARE

A *Judge Healy LLCCLLLCCLCC 6-6*
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Louis knocked out Conn in 2:58 of the 13th round.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE newly-formed Golden State Veteran Boxers and Wrestlers Association held at Michael's Los Feliz restaurant, Los Angeles, last May 29th, honored two great ring personalities: Former world's heavyweight wrestling champion Count Billy Varga and former world's welterweight boxing champion Jimmy McLarnin. Tickets for this affair were all sold out well in advance. MC'ing were former welterweight boxer George Levine, ring announcer Jimmy Lennon and Nobile "Kid" Chissell. In attendance were former boxers Al "Abie" Bain, George Latka, Bobby Seamon, Spike Hennessey, Gene "Spider" Mock, Leo Haas, Billy Mahoney, Jack Miller, Willie Red Gold, Dave Maeir, Hugh Sublett, Alex McDonald, Vince Barbi and Dub Eades. Others in attendance numbered former world's wrestling heavyweight champion Tiger Joe Marsh, Los Angeles *Times* sportswriter Jack Hawn, former boxing promoters George Burns and Tom Gallery, boxing writer George Luckman, veteran San Francisco boxing manager and gymnasium owner Joe Herman, boxing promoter Marshall Wright, former California State boxing and wrestling commissioner Everett Sanders, veteran west coast referee Joe Stone, retired chief of police of Bell, Calif. George Wagner, and Dr. Bradford Levin, mouthpiece specialist for boxers...Jim Beck, UCLA college professor and film historian, showed films of Jimmy McLarnin vs Benny Leonard and Billy Varga vs his dad Joe Varga...Abe Hochheiser, former *Ring* magazine correspondent and *Ring* Record Book contributor, was press representative. Richard Tosches and Ruben Lopez of United Press International and John Nadell and Jack Stevenson of Associated Press devoted much time in publicizing the event. Also Joe Jares, sports editor of the local *Daily News*. Entertainment was provided by the Hollywood Comedy Club. MC and dinner chairman Georgie Levine presented photo-plaques to the two honorees, McLarnin and Varga. Billy Mahoney, former boxer and historian, presented a beautiful fifty-page photo album to McLarnin, packed with photographs of the great Irish fighter in his fighting days. The date—May 29th—marked the fiftieth anniversary of McLarnin winning the world's welterweight crown at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, over Young Corbett III...

The Veteran Boxers Assoc. Ring I of Philadelphia recently held their Forty-Eighth Annual Mother's Day Banquet at "Palumbo's" in Philadelphia on May 8, 1983. Mrs. Sue Giosa was honored as Mother of the Year for 1983. Sue is the wife of the former great welterweight of the late '30s and '40s Eddie Giosa. Also on the same evening the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame honored and installed the following living and deceased greats of the prize ring: Living category, Carmen Barth, Hank Cisco, Bob Hurst and Francis Rafferty; Deceased category, Tommy Maher. The VBA Ring I members also honored the Hon. Judge John J. Poserina as the man of the year for his philanthropic deeds. The affair was hosted by its president Tony Morgano...

Remember Pete Mead, former great middleweight contender of the '40s who fought former world champions Randy Turpin, Fritzie Zivic and Rocky Graziano? And who can forget his great fight with Joey DeJohn in 1949?, ranked as one of the ten greatest fights in the history of New York's Madison Square Garden by *Boxing Illustrated*. The DeJohn bout featured 11 knockdowns, six scored by Pete and five by Joey, before Pete prevailed in the sixth round and scored a knockout. Today, at age 59, Pete is in the asphalt paving, grading and hauling business in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and is set financially. Happily married for over 40 years now, Pete's four children have been equally successful. Pete Mead is presently the coach of the Jonesboro Boxing Club, and his son Jeff Mead, former outstanding amateur boxer in the Mid-South, is the assistant coach of the same club...Jack Campbell, Ring 72 of No. Calif., writes that Gentleman Jim Corbett was elected to the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in February 1983. Jack Fiske made the presentation at the Olympic Club...

Ralph "The Ripper" Zannelli, former welterweight contender of the '30s, currently works with the kids in the Providence R.I. area, entering them in various amateur tournaments in New England. Ralph is also a member of the Rhode Island State Athletic Commission and performs as a referee ...Boston's Ring 4 annual dinner and dance, which was held on Sunday May 22, 1983 at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus, Mass., was a sell-out affair. Willie Pep and Sal Bartolo, former featherweight champions, were among those in attendance. It was exactly 40 years ago last June 8th that these two men fought for the featherweight title in Boston, Pep winning a 15-round decision...Ring 4 Hall of Fame member Gus Raimo, the oldest ex-boxer in the world at 96, was featured in an article in the May, 1983, edition of *New England Senior Citizen* containing many anecdotes of both the personal life of Gus and his unusual experiences over his long career as a boxer...Two more ex-boxers have been added to the growing list of officials of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission. They are Randy Neuman, former N.J. state heavyweight champion, and Ike Williams, ex-lightweight champion of the world—Neuman as a referee and Williams as a judge...

Rest in peace

Ray Kozak, age 69, Staunch member of Ring 8 VBA New York and long-time boxing judge and inspector of the New York State Athletic Commission, passed away on June 5, 1983, at his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. Rest In Peace...

Jimmy Clinch, old-time fighter from Hartford, Conn., who fought Battling Battalino three times in the old days, died on June 11, 1983. Jimmy was a member of the National VBA and will be missed at the annual NVBA convention where he entertained the boys with his poems and songs. His smile and the fresh carnation he wore daily will be missed by all. Rest In Peace, Jimmy Clinch.

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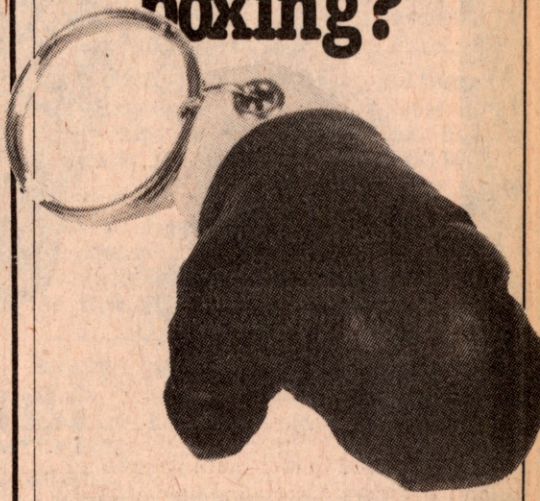

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I feel very comfortable and strong now as a junior middleweight and I'll be coming into the fight at about 155-156 pounds. I also don't care that people are saying I'm too old, too heavy and too slow. It doesn't bother me.

Marvin Hagler does not like inside pressure. I will prepare myself to battle him inside as well as outside. He is a southpaw but also has a good right hand. But I have been in there with the best and my experience will tell the difference. Just like the lightweight and welterweights that I have fought, the man who is in better shape will win.

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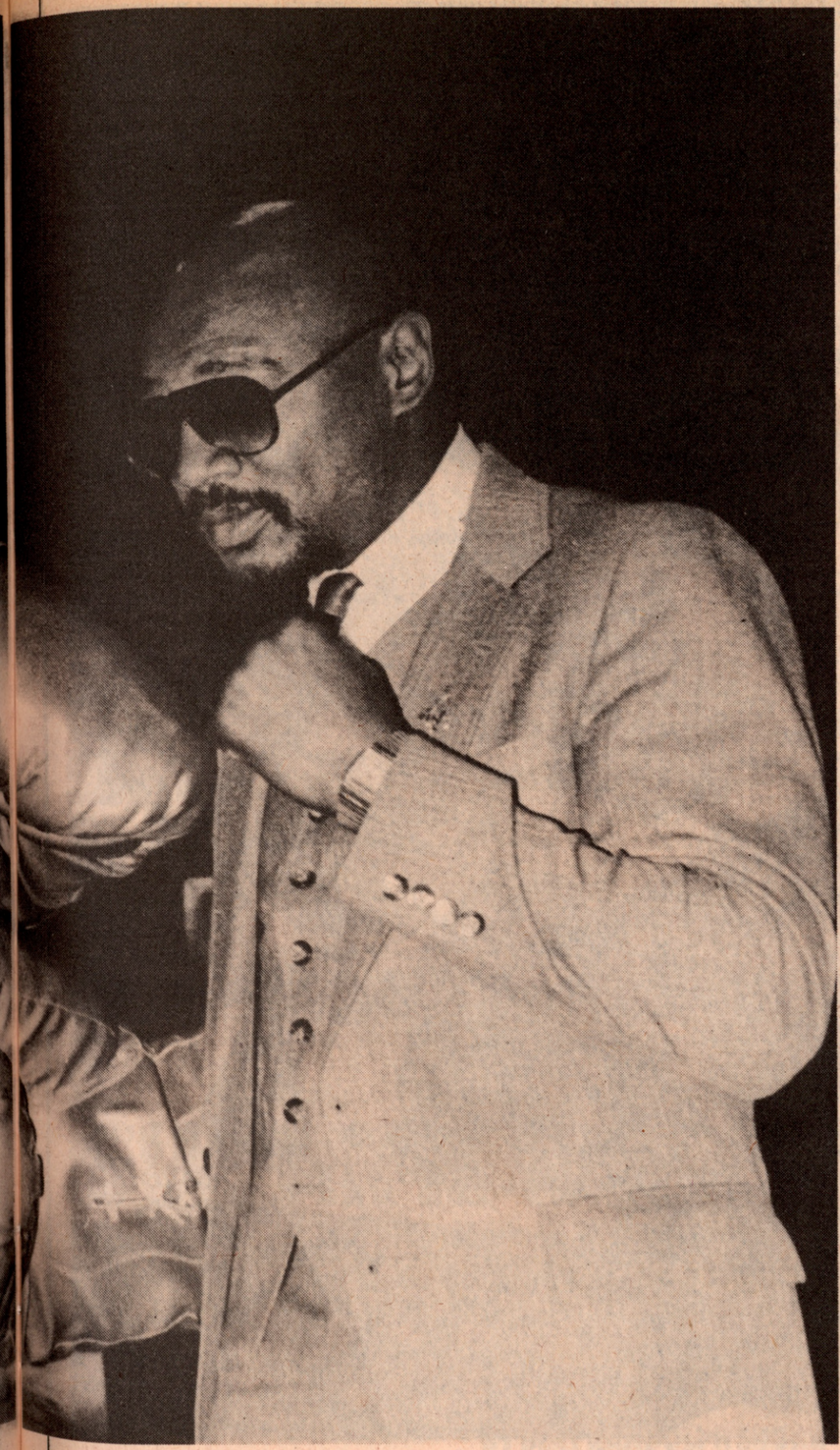

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HOW I'LL BEAT ROBERTO DURAN BY MARVIN HAGLER

When I fight a fighter like Roberto Duran, it's going to bring out the best in Marvelous Marvin Hagler. People are saying he's going to fight me the same way that Vito Antuofermo fought me the first time. Well, the only thing I have to say to that, and you'll have to admit: I've improved a lot from that fight.

I don't mind being the underdog for this fight with all the people rooting for Duran. I've had that most of my career and I'm used to it by now.

As far as the fight goes, I'll come out smoking. For every fighter you face, you have to change your style a little. Remember, I'm versatile—and a southpaw. If he wants to come inside, I can bang away with either hand. If he wants to box, he's going to be in trouble.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

SUGAR RAY LEONARD ON DURAN, HAGLER, HEARNS AND MORE.

BY BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

ONLY ONE YEAR AGO SUGAR RAY Leonard was the toast of the boxing world, his every word a headline, his every move a story. Now, mysteriously, he is just a presence on camera, his words no longer sought by the print media, which somehow has relegated him to the realm of yesterday's news, pursuing, instead, current phenomena and current fights.

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Currently hard at work on a book with SPORTS ILLUSTRATED writer Pat Putnam, Sugar Ray Leonard granted RING this exclusive interview in which he pulls no punches, in the true Sugar Ray Leonard fashion.

RING: It's been one year this coming November 9th since you officially retired. Have you ever felt the urge to return?

RAY LEONARD: People have said that the transition from being an active fighter who retired at the prime of his career would play tricks with my mind. But I've been so active—especially with CBS and HBO—that I don't get the urge. I'm in the same atmosphere, evaluating fighters, giving them advice, discussing boxing; it's comparable to what I did in the ring, although, to tell the truth, nothing can actually compare...But, it's close enough, close enough to satisfy me so that I don't get the urge.

RING: Did you have a timetable for your retirement before your detached retina?

RAY LEONARD: I had a plan, a timetable before. I had planned to go overseas a couple of times to fight the European champion and Oriental champions...Mainly because I had never fought overseas before and also because I wanted to prove it was not just a United States title, but a "world's" title. Then I had wanted to come back to RFK Stadium here in Washington (D.C.) for a major fight and have a group like Earth, Wind and Fire perform. It would have been a black tie affair, like the one I witnessed at London's National Sporting Club. I thought it would have been different, brought class to the sport and provide the people with a new form of entertainment.

RING: Would that major fight have been against Marvin Hagler?

RAY LEONARD: No, he would have been my climax, my last fight. At 160 pounds for the Middleweight Championship.

RING: Hadn't you already hinted a fight with Hagler after your win over Hearns, I remember your saying, 'If Hagler comes down to my weight...?'

RAY LEONARD: That was all baloney. When I started talking about fighting Marvin, I said, 'Marvin, come down to my weight..' But I knew Marvin wouldn't bite. It wouldn't have been a legitimate title fight if I didn't meet him at 160. My talk was just for the press; just talk. But I would have fought him later, as the final bout of my career.

RING: But 160? You hardly look 160, even now. What would you be giving away?

RAY LEONARD: A good solid 10 pounds. See, I'm about '51, '52 now. The heaviest I ever got was '60, '61, '62. But that was not fighting weight, that was just weight. I got that heavy after a fight. Because of the fact that I had gone through such a strenuous training regimen, after a fight I would eat out of spite, not out of hunger. It was my rationalization: See, I had sacrificed so much, given up all those desserts and other goodies that now I was paying my body back. But it wasn't solid weight. Now I'm up to 151, maybe. And sometimes in the morning, I check my weight and find out I'm at 149, because I don't eat as much—only two meals a day: Breakfast and dinner. The only time I eat lunch is (for) business. But, getting back to Marvin, I would have spotted Marvin 10 pounds, a solid ten pounds.

RING: Was there ever the chance of your fighting Tommy Hearns again?

RAY LEONARD: I don't think so. You see, if a fighter's not sincere with me, I won't give him a shot. Or another shot. I had once been on TV with Tommy and the question came up: "Was the fight prematurely stopped?," meaning his fight with me. And when he said, "Yes, it was...," I thought, I won't give you another shot, I'll let you wait. I said to him, "Tommy, if you had mentioned to the public that I had beaten you 'Fair and Square,' you'd get a rematch." And he said, "I can't say that." But I was being sincere, I would have signed. But now he could wait.

RING: But he was saying that out of pride.

RAY: Yeah, but we're talking business now.

RING: And yet, your attorney, Mike Trainer, has just become Tommy Hearns' attorney. Isn't that a little strange?

RAY LEONARD: No, it's great! He's *our* attorney now.

RING: Going back, before your detached retina, was there one magic moment when you first considered retiring?

RAY LEONARD: Yes, in that fight with Bruce Finch. That fight with Finch was like a message in disguise. No one knew who Bruce Finch was, his career had always been in oblivion. And here I was, not threatened by this man, nor his talent, only by the press and the build-up for the fight. My mind was in a sort of limbo, I was hardly prepared for the fight. Thank God I was in shape. Because Finch hurt me in the second round and my whole past and present histories flashed in front of me. I don't lie about fights. People still don't believe it

because of the caliber of fighter they perceived Finch as being. But he had me dazed for a second or two in the second, and I thought, "This is not right. If Finch can do that, what else can happen to me...?"

RING: Had you ever thought about retiring before that?

RAY LEONARD: I really wanted to retire when I fought "Fireball" Rodriguez. He knocked the mess out of me, almost knocked me out. I later saw him in Las Vegas fighting Johnny Bumphus and told him, "Man, you know you almost ended my career." He laughed, but I was serious. I swear, this boy really hurt me and I wanted to retire. I said to myself, "Hell, man, let's be a movie star..."

RING: Anyone else hurt you?

RAY LEONARD: Marcos Geraldo really hurt me. Now here I am fighting a middleweight—big, tall, rangy and could hit. He hit me in my eye, left eye. I saw three of him. That was survival, total desperation.

RING: Weren't you once knocked down?

RAY LEONARD: Against Dick Ecklund. He stepped on my foot and I fell over. As I said on television, "If he thinks that's a knock down, God bless him." But that fight was something more: It was the only time throughout my whole career, amateur and professional, where I ever experienced racial prejudice. When I landed at the airport in Boston I was met by a priest who greeted me with, "How you doing there, Bhoy?" You know, boy with an "H" in it, not just boy. I was shocked that a man of God would address me that way and said to myself "They're not supposed to see color, not supposed to see the negative." And, when he said that, I sort of got a lump in my throat and retaliated with "Hey, Brother, how you doing?" He never acknowledged my answer, just walked away. But I know it registered. Then, at the arena, I encountered more of the same. The crowd was totally racist, crying "Kill that Nigger!" and "Nigger this" and "Nigger that." And when Ecklund stepped on my foot and I fell, he walked over me and they went wild.

RING: Do you think Ecklund was a party to what was going on?

RAY LEONARD: No, we're friends today. In fact we sparred for the second Duran fight. He's a nice, decent man who was an unwitting catalyst to what went on.

RING: Speaking of that second Duran fight...

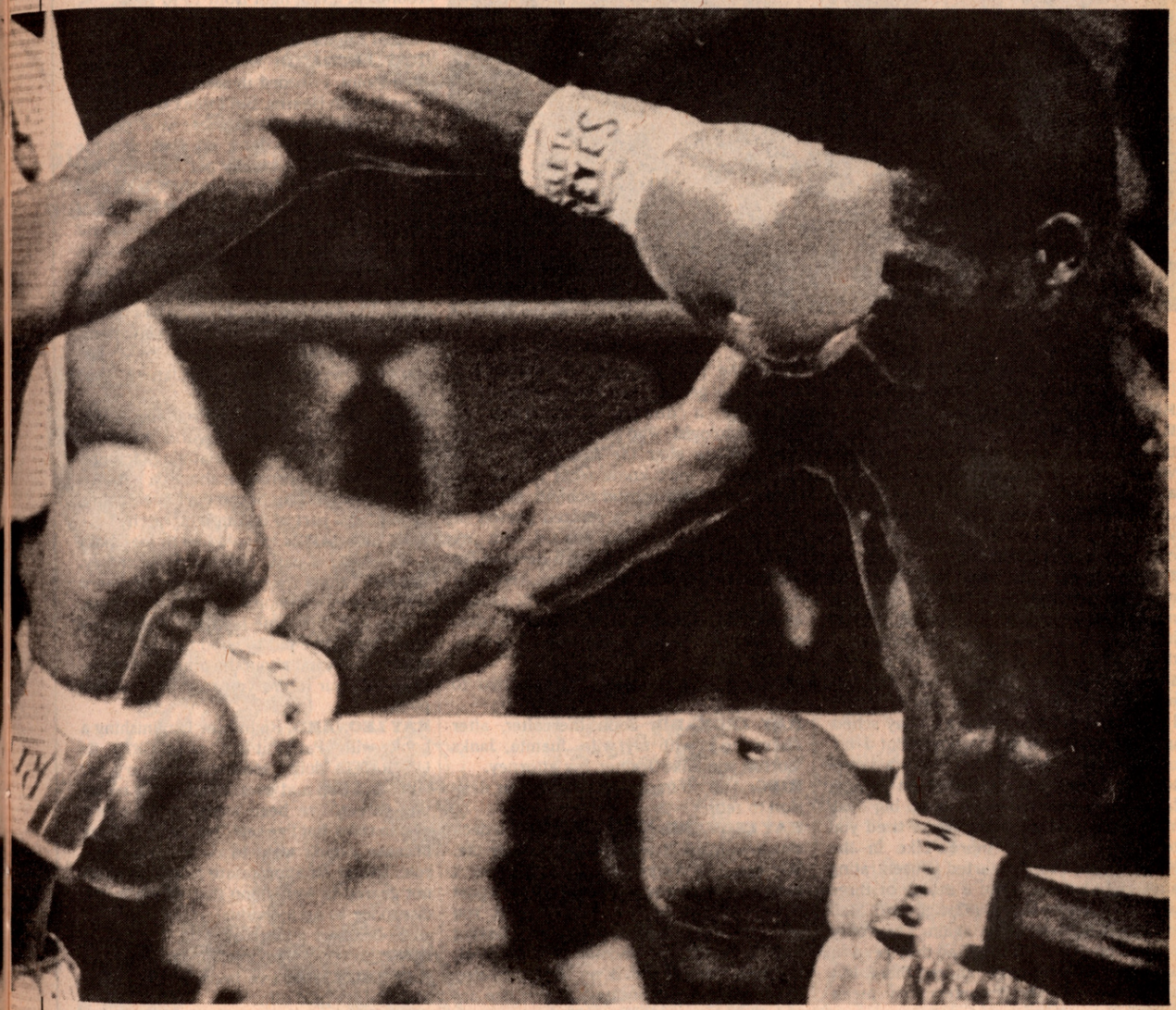
RAY LEONARD: The second fight was a continuation of the first fight. Because, you see, the physical punishment I took in the first fight was more visible than Duran's was. I really nailed him in that first fight with some shots. I caught him with some solid shots when he came into me on the ropes and people didn't realize how much and how hard I hit him to the body. So it was a continuation; although, as far as styles go, you can't match the two.

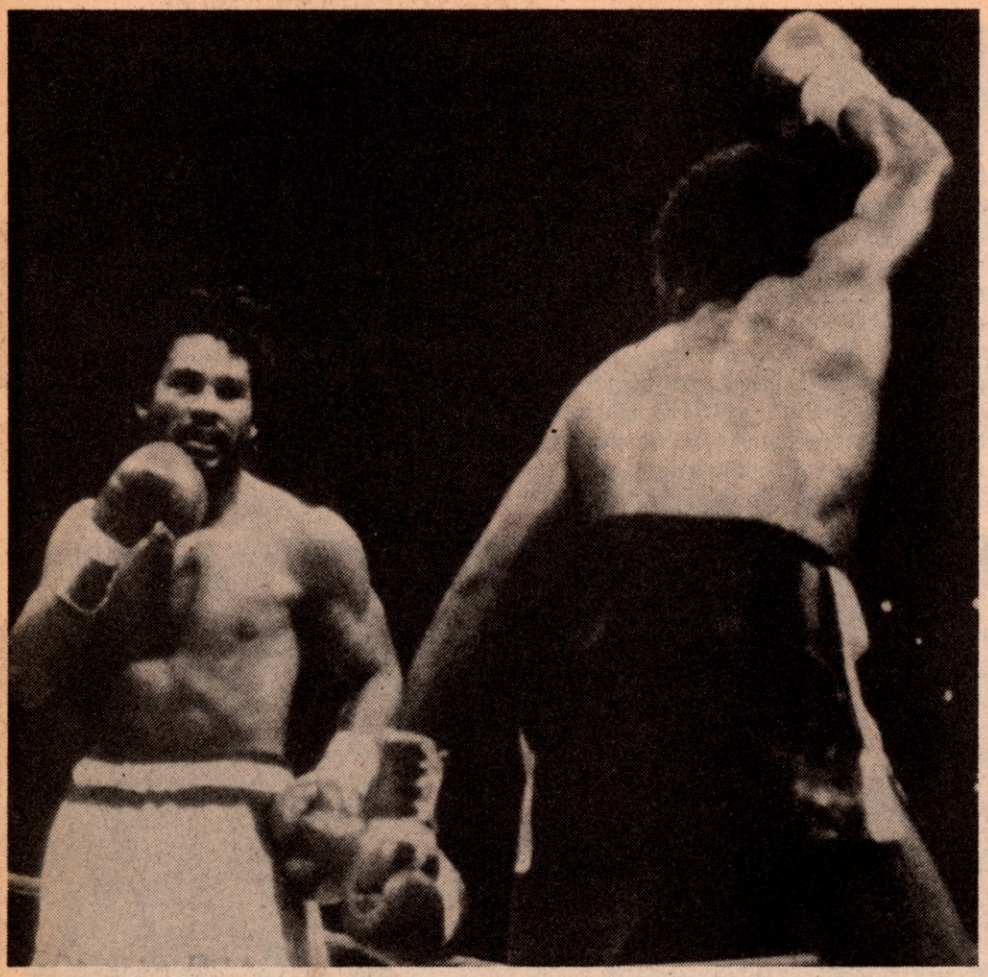
RING: But for a man who never looks back, at retirement or any of the things that "could have been," I caught you looking back at that first fight with Duran.

RAY LEONARD: Because it was a mistake. The style I decided to use against Duran was his style, not mine. So here I was, going around the country and everybody kept saying, "Hey, Ray, good fight..." or "Good fight, why did you fight him that way?" Or even, "That was a dumb move..." And it began to prey on my mind, so I looked back to correct a mistake I had made.

RING: And how did you arrive at the decision to go back in against Duran only five months later?

RAY LEONARD: Hey, I'll tell you...after that first brutal fight, hell, I didn't want to see no more of Duran. Oh, yes, I wanted him again. But NOT five months later. I said to myself, "Hey, give me another year to cool down." But the second-guessing began to bother me. And it bothered Janks (Morton) too. Janks would just come by the house. Now, Janks doesn't normally come around my house. But he started to come around and talk to Juanita and then just as suddenly leave. That wasn't his style, but now he would just come by and talk. You know, nothing specific, just things in general. Janks was just gearing me for a second fight. He didn't say "Let's fight Duran now," he was cool about it. So, finally, after a month or two, with nothing but time on my hands and the thought of the first fight continually going playing and replaying in my mind, I called Janks, who had planted the seed, and said, "Dammit, Janks, I want that fight." And he said, "It's perfect timing, Ray. He's going to parties, blowing up, gaining weight...It'll be perfect for you." You see, he had known all along and set me up for the decision, as if it'd been mine all along. But, as I said, you can't compare the two fights, although they were a continuation of each other. Looking at a replay of the first and second fights, they weren't the same in styles. Totally different in the things I did. Holding out my chin, winding up with my right and throwing my left. I had done that to Little Ray, just fooling around. But it's a sucker punch, something you don't do in the ring.





But that night in New Orleans, I did it. And the ridicule and laughter forced him to quit.

RING: Did you realize he had quit?

RAY LEONARD: No, I thought it was a trick, that's why I was cautious. I thought he was pulling one of his little tricks of walking away and coming back, like Joe Walcott used to do. That's why I went to the body. It was closer. If I had hit him on the chin, it could have been disastrous...

RING: And just four fights and 15 months more remained of your career after that night in New Orleans. Can you fill us in on just when and where you first discovered the injury to your eye?

RAY LEONARD: Well, I had first experienced these "floaters" or "sparks" when I was up in Buffalo, training for my scheduled fight with Roger Stafford. But I discounted them, feeling they were a symptom, something you sometimes get through fatigue. So I ignored them as no big deal. You know, because when you're tired you tend to concentrate more. Like in the Hearns fight, I really started concentrating after eight rounds. Then a month or three weeks before my May (1982) fight with Stafford I experienced them again. They only showed up in my left eye; had they been in both eyes I would have ignored them. But now I thought: These floaters may mean something. Now, because I'm a vain man, I wanted to get my eye checked out. So I went to a doctor in Buffalo, an ophthalmologist, who prescribed eye drops and told me after the fight to go see a specialist. I don't know what it was that made me seek a second opinion. Maybe it was because I'm an organized person or because I was messing around with my health; but, whatever it was, I decided I'm going back to see another doctor. And, after a week of the eyedrops and still experiencing the floaters, I went to a second doctor and that's when he diagnosed it as a detached retina...

RING: And that's when you decided to retire?

RAY LEONARD: Soon thereafter, after discussing it with my wife, Juanita, Janks Morton and Mike Trainer, my attorney.

RING: And no misgivings about your decision to retire?

RAY LEONARD: No, I knew once the decision was made it would never bother me. You see, I've never dwelt on adulation. I used it because it was part of boxing, a part of the business. And I understood that. You see, the way I was brought into boxing helped me in my decision a great deal, because I went into it on a step-by-step basis, learning the business. It was like on-the-job training and I had some very good people with me. And that prepared me beyond the realm of boxing, for my eventual retirement. As I said, it was a thought-out step, like every move I made in boxing.

RING: In the year since you've retired many things have happened to and in the world of boxing. How do you feel about these occurrences?

RAY LEONARD: Well, first of all, there have been an avalanche of disastrous situations in boxing in the last year. I'm not saying that because I stepped down. It's just ironic that it happened ONCE I retired. They happened back-to-back, and one is just as significant as the other: The unfortunate accident to (Deuk-Koo) Kim, cutting the rounds in a title fight from 15 to 12...

RING: What do you think about the reduction of rounds in title fights?

RAY LEONARD: Well, from a personal standpoint, I needed those three additional rounds with Hearns. But I think they should ask the fighters themselves, in a poll or something. They don't do that. It's the fighters who are actually participating, but it's the guys who've never had a pair of gloves on in their entire lifetime who, all of a sudden, are saying, "Well, we should cut these rounds down because it would make it healthier for a fighter..." I think now that there are just too many people involved, too many spokesmen for boxing. You know, with the commissions, with the regulations, like the rounds, and everything else, it's just too much—too many stipulations and regulations.

RING: Now that you've retired and, at the age of 27, have the whole world in front of you—commercials, commentating, acting—would you ever consider, should a national boxing commission become an eventuality, becoming a part of boxing's hierarchy?

RAY LEONARD: I would like to feel that I can become a part, become contributory. Because I think my presence and my word justifies a lot of things. And if I was there, was in it and became involved, I think my impact could be put to good use.

RING: And what about the other considerations for your future you may have at this point?

RAY LEONARD: Right now I'm finishing a book with Pat Putnam of SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, doing some commentary for HBO and CBS and even considering an acting career. I've been asked to do a few cameo roles, but I've said "No" to all of them because I don't want to do a stereotyped role. I want an appropriate role, one that's not geared to something that will do me a disservice as an individual, merely playing an ex-boxer or a black man.

RING: So you see yourself as an actor?

RAY LEONARD: I've been acting all my life. And it's paid off...

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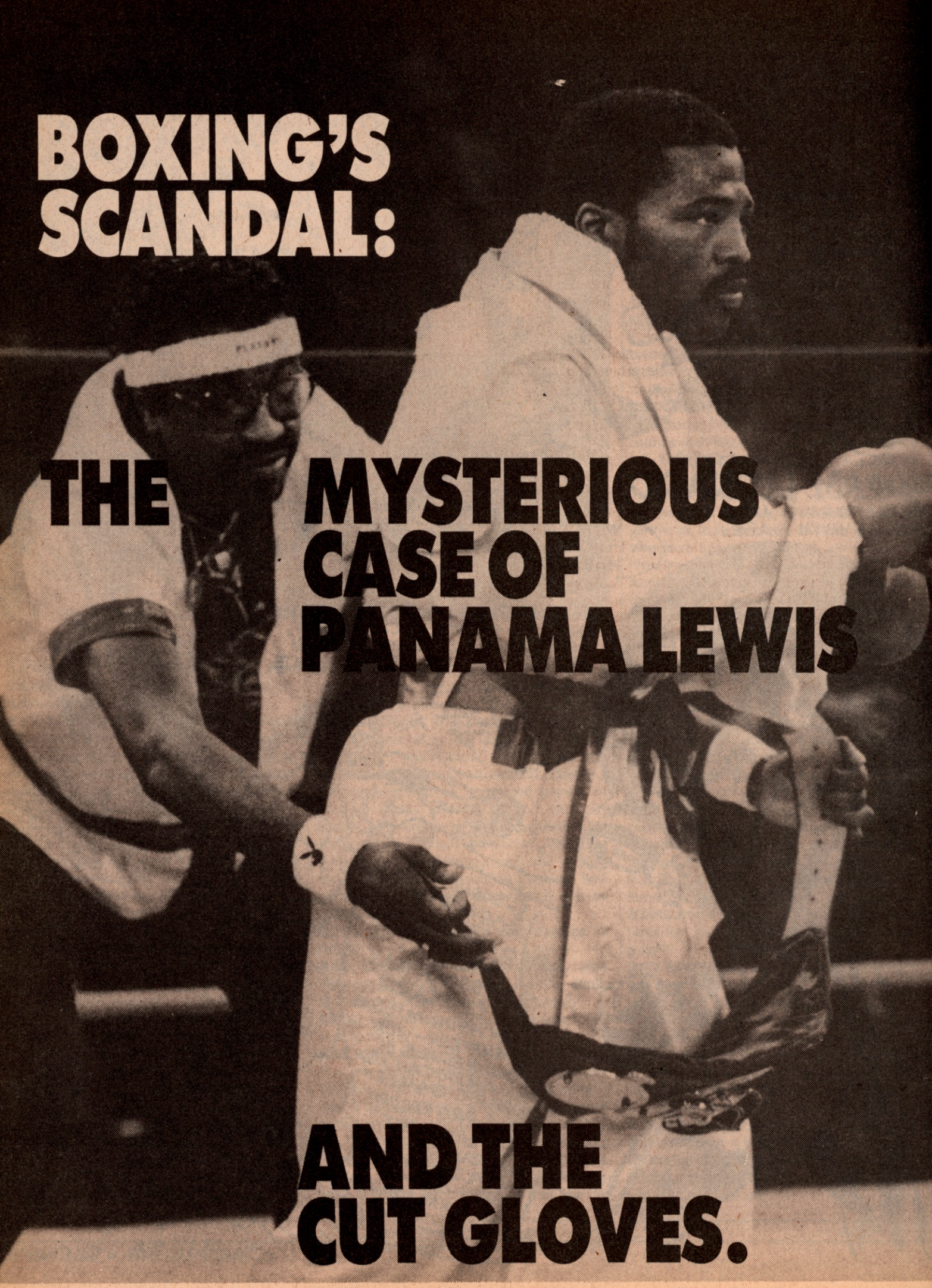

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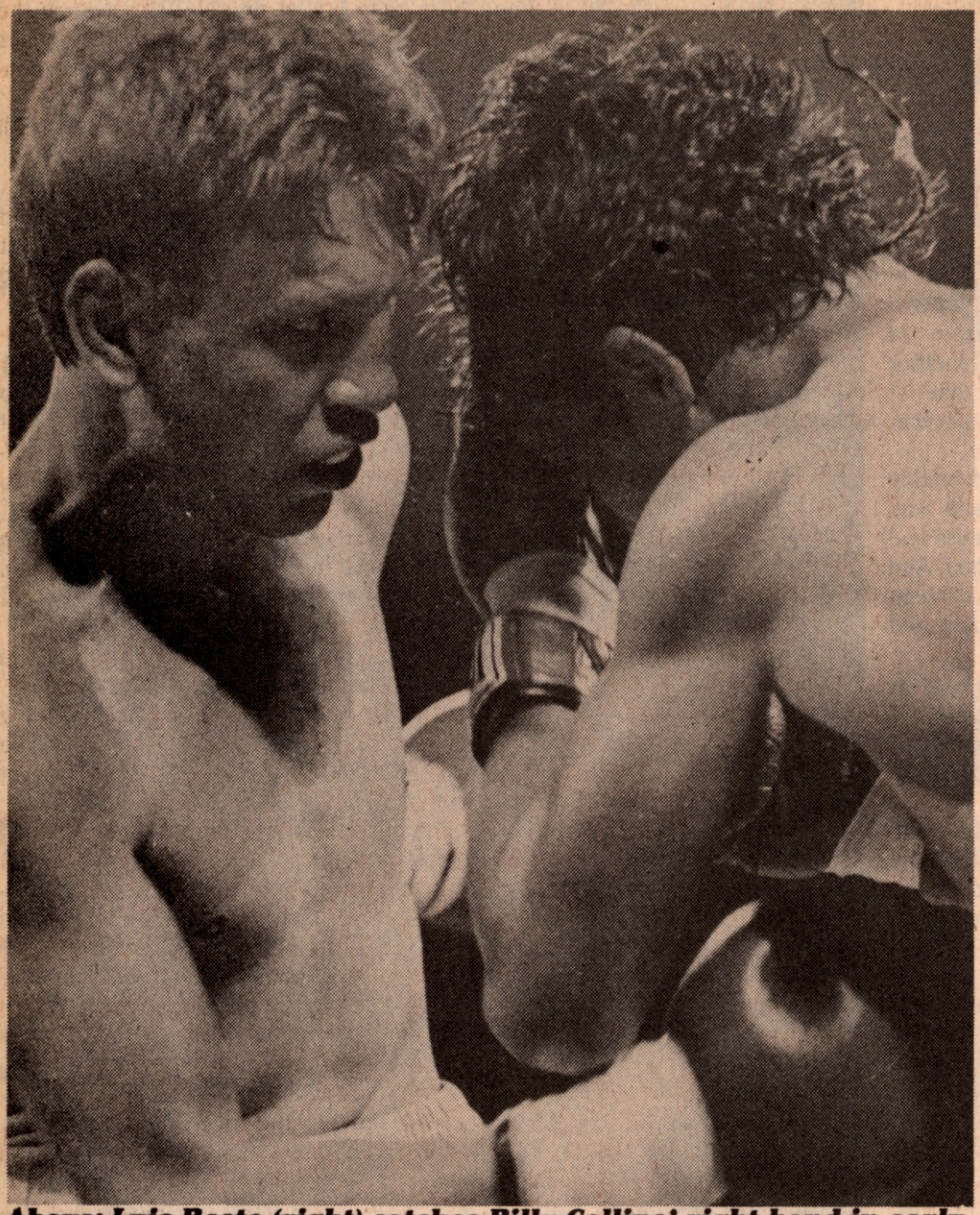


Above: Luis Resto (right) catches Billy Collins' right hand in early round action of their junior middleweight prelim to Duran-Moore

undefeated ranks.

But it can not—and should not—end there.

Lewis, who was Duran's head trainer briefly, and also worked the corner of Vito Antuofermo, has the most to lose. The 37-year-old Panamanian native and U.S. Army veteran was also the head trainer for Aaron Pryor, one of the most valuable commodities in boxing. Lewis, protesting his innocence, said "All I do is train fighters, I've got to fight this."

"When you have the best fighter in the world and you have to lose him, it's impossible," said Lewis. "Especially when you didn't do anything. I'm innocent. How can they condemn a man without a witness?"

So far, no one has testified that Lewis, or Alvarado, or Resto or anyone else—for that matter—did anything to the gloves. There were no witnesses forthcoming at the commission inquiry. In fact, the two commission inspectors, who were supposed to supervise Resto putting on the gloves—but who did not—were not even present at the hearing. In the murkiness of conflicting testimony, only one thing was established: That the gloves had arrived at the Garden in mint condition and were found to be tampered with at the end of the fight. The remainder of the evidence was less concrete.

The New York commission, looking at all the circumstantial evidence, finally ruled that Lewis "failed to fulfill his responsibilities" as Resto's chief second.

Even Lewis' lawyer, Charles Simpson of the prestigious Manhattan firm of Shea and Gould, agreed that a lifetime ban was proper punishment for someone who had tampered with gloves the way Resto's had been. "Somebody could get killed," said Simpson. "If he's guilty, he shouldn't be allowed in anyone's corner. But if he's *not* guilty, and there appears to be insufficient evidence, this is harsh punishment."

Simpson, also representing Alvarado and Resto, moved to file an appeal with the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court. Their basic defense is: "We don't know anything about the gloves."

But there are other ramifications to boxing's version of 'Gloves Labour Lost.' In a sense, New York was just as culpable as Resto's corner, just as responsible for allowing a fighter with little padding in his gloves to attack another man. And in a way, Collins' corner was also responsible.

Jack Prenderville, in one of his last decisions as chairman of the commission before being replaced, admitted on national television two days after the rulings that no state inspector witnessed Resto putting on the gloves. This is nothing new in New York. Several managers have since reported that inspectors were not always present when they were supposed to be.

"I never really thought about it until this case," said Rudy Greco, one manager who described how he had gloved up one of his preliminary fighters by himself.

While Prenderville fought the good fights for thumbless gloves, mandatory CAT scans, computerized record-keeping and other safety measures, there was a general laxity in the routine, more mundane, operations of the commission. At a recent card in Ridgewood Grove, one fighter was allowed to wear 16-ounce training gloves while his opponent wore regulation 8-ounce gloves.

And so it was that the two inspectors who had been in Resto's dressing room on the night of June 16 were not there at the moment of truth.

Resto is a capable journeyman, a busy fighter who can take a shot but not hit very hard. He wore down Robert (Boo Boo) Sawyer earlier in the year to win the ESPN welterweight title; but his career, at the age of 29, was on a treadmill. ESPN title fights that feature Luis Restos pay only about $3,500. To fight Collins, an attractive (white) crowd-pleasing junior middleweight who knows little about defense and whom Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc. was building up, Resto was to receive $7,500.

Lewis knew that a victory over Collins would give Resto some better pay days, perhaps even a network TV bout. Resto was not always to be trusted to train by himself, so Lewis brought him up to New York from Puerto Rico and moved into the same Manhattan hotel with Resto for two weeks before the fight.

"You win this fight," Lewis told Resto, "and you'll be on your way. You got maybe two years left and if you put 'em together, you can be somebody."

Lewis, who lives in Brooklyn, got up in the mornings with Resto and ran with him in Central Park. He was with the fighter at the hotel, ate his meals with him, took him to the

gym and brought him back.

"I was with him 24 hours a day," said Lewis. "We didn't leave the hotel except to run and train and eat. It was a 24-hour vigilence and see, he got hit with all those big shots by Collins, and nothing happened."

Lewis indeed was coming along quickly as a respected trainer. He began his career in the Army and when he left, in 1971, he began hanging around the gyms. The late Chickie Ferrara took a liking to him and Panama worked for him for five years, during which he helped train the-then Eddie Gregory (now Eddie Mustafa Muhammad).

Because of his nationality, he was able to work his way into Duran's corner, where he learned from Freddie Brown and Ray Arcel. Brown invited him to help out with Antuofermo. After Arcel and Brown had their hearts broken by Duran in New Orleans, Lewis took over as Duran's trainer (he quit after the Kirkland Laing fight).

But his reputation was made when Pryor fought Alexis Arguello last November. It was not a good reputation.

"I commended him in his handling of Pryor in the fight," said Arcel, "when he made the guy box."

But while Lewis prefight assessments—Pryor was the boxer, not Arguello, and Arguello couldn't hurt Pryor—were all correct, and while his charge was brilliantly handled in the corner, the trainer earned a reputation forever more as one of boxing's craftier corner men.

"Don't give me that bottle," the television microphones picked up Lewis saying between the 13th and 14th rounds. "Give me the one I mixed."

Pryor went on to knock out Arguello in the 14th and left people wondering forever what exactly Lewis had put in that water bottle. The Miami commission, which forgot to bring a bell to the Orange Bowl that night, of course did not take any urine samples afterward. Lewis said it was Perrier mineral water mixed with tap water. But no one knew for sure.

Artie Curley, one of the most respected cut men in the business, worked with Lewis that night and shortly after the fight, before the bottle became an issue, reported that Lewis had merely added some peppermint schnapps to help settle Pryor's stomach. Pryor, in fact, could be heard belching in the ring during the fight. He was belching a lot in his dressing room before the bout, too.

Curley, who also worked Resto's corner (he was absolved by the commission since he spent most of his prefight time in Davey Moore's dressing room), did not admonish Lewis for the schnapps. This was one of those moves that, when successful, brings smiles to observers. Alcohol, of course, is hardly a stimulant and therefore unlikely to have changed the course of the fight. More importantly, there was no victim. Cheating perhaps, but no victim.

Resto's gloves are another matter. The state police discovered that there were holes, each about 3/4 of an inch in diameter, on the inside lining near the palms of both hands. About an ounce of horsehair padding—or half of what is put in 8-ounce gloves—had been removed. Lewis's argument that "things happen in a fight, gloves get busted up, that's why they have backup gloves available" was found to be unacceptable.

As Floyd Patterson, the former heavyweight champion and then one of the three state commissioners, said at the hearing:

"It is possible for one glove to wear out and for the padding to fall out. But for both gloves...I can't buy that."

No one caught the gloves before the fight. Neither Collins' father or any other Collins representative was, like the state's $39-a-day inspectors, present at the gloving. Referee Tony Perez made the perfunctory check of the gloves in the ring before the fight. But Perez was only checking to make sure there were no foreign substances, especially ointments, on the surface and checking to see that the laces were taped down and not exposed.

Collins began catching the gloves, though. Resto, who had a 20-7-2 record, consistently beat the 14-0 novice to the punch. Surprisingly, Resto's punches were doing damage. Collins's face grew welts with almost every right hand or left hook he took. And there were many. His father began to grow suspicious.

"I knew something was wrong," he said, "but I couldn't put my finger on it."

After the third or fourth round, the younger Collins returned to the corner and reported, "It feels like he's hitting me with rocks."

"Son, he's no puncher," his father replied.

"Every time he hits me on the arm, it paralyzes me."

After the bout, Resto went over to the loser's corner and, in what now seems an ironic gesture of good sportsmanship, shook the hand of Collins Sr. The elder Collins did not let go.

"All I felt were knuckles and fingers," he said. "No padding at all."

He hollered for the commission inspectors. "Don't let those gloves get out of your sight," he screamed.

John Squeri, the chief inspector, made sure Resto did not remove the gloves in the ring and accompanied the fighter, with the senior Collins alongside, back to Resto's dressing room.

To make sure there would be no trouble, Squeri said, he told Lewis and the others "There's nothing wrong, but I've got to have the gloves."

Squeri turned the gloves over to Prenderville, who was at ringside. That's when the holes were discovered. Immediately, fingers were pointed at Lewis. Everyone remembered Pryor's water bottle.

"The bottle I mixed," said Lewis, "it's all bullcrap."

He knew his reputation.

But Arcel and Brown, the two living men whom Lewis calls his most important teachers (in addition to Ferrara), were shocked.

"I am astounded," said Arcel. "But the padding didn't come out by itself. I'm sorry for the guy. I never dreamed he could do something like this. Otherwise, I'd never let him in the corner. He never gave me any indication he was an individual who could do something like that."

Brown agreed. "He showed he was getting better, said the 76-year-old retired trainer. "He did a good job with Pryor against Arguello."

But if Lewis did do it, said Brown, "He shouldn't have done it."

"It's not right, especially if he did it to my fighter," Brown added. "And then he should've tried to get rid of the gloves right away."

Arcel, 83, said "I've been in boxing a long time and I can't think back to any incident where somebody would have taken horsehair out of a glove. It's the lowest form of anything I can think of."

But then he thought. Way back, right after World War I, Arcel was working a corner in Jersey City when he went over to his opponent's corner and asked to feel the gloves.

"He stuck out his left hand, and I said, 'No, let me see the other one.' He had a rivet in there," said Arcel. "I said to the guy, 'Are you crazy? This is felonious assault.'

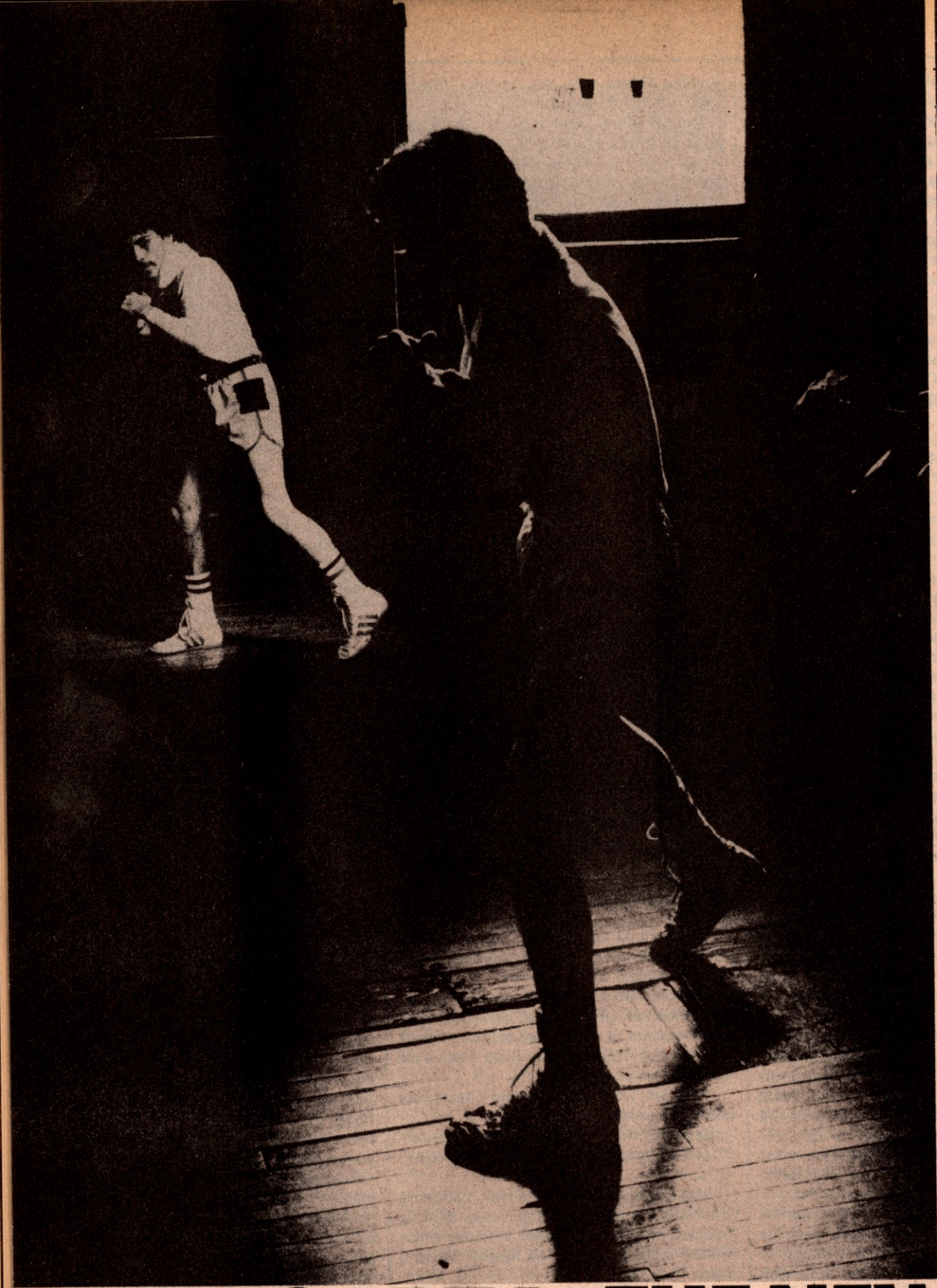
"I was around guys who taught me. You can't trust anybody because everybody's out to win."

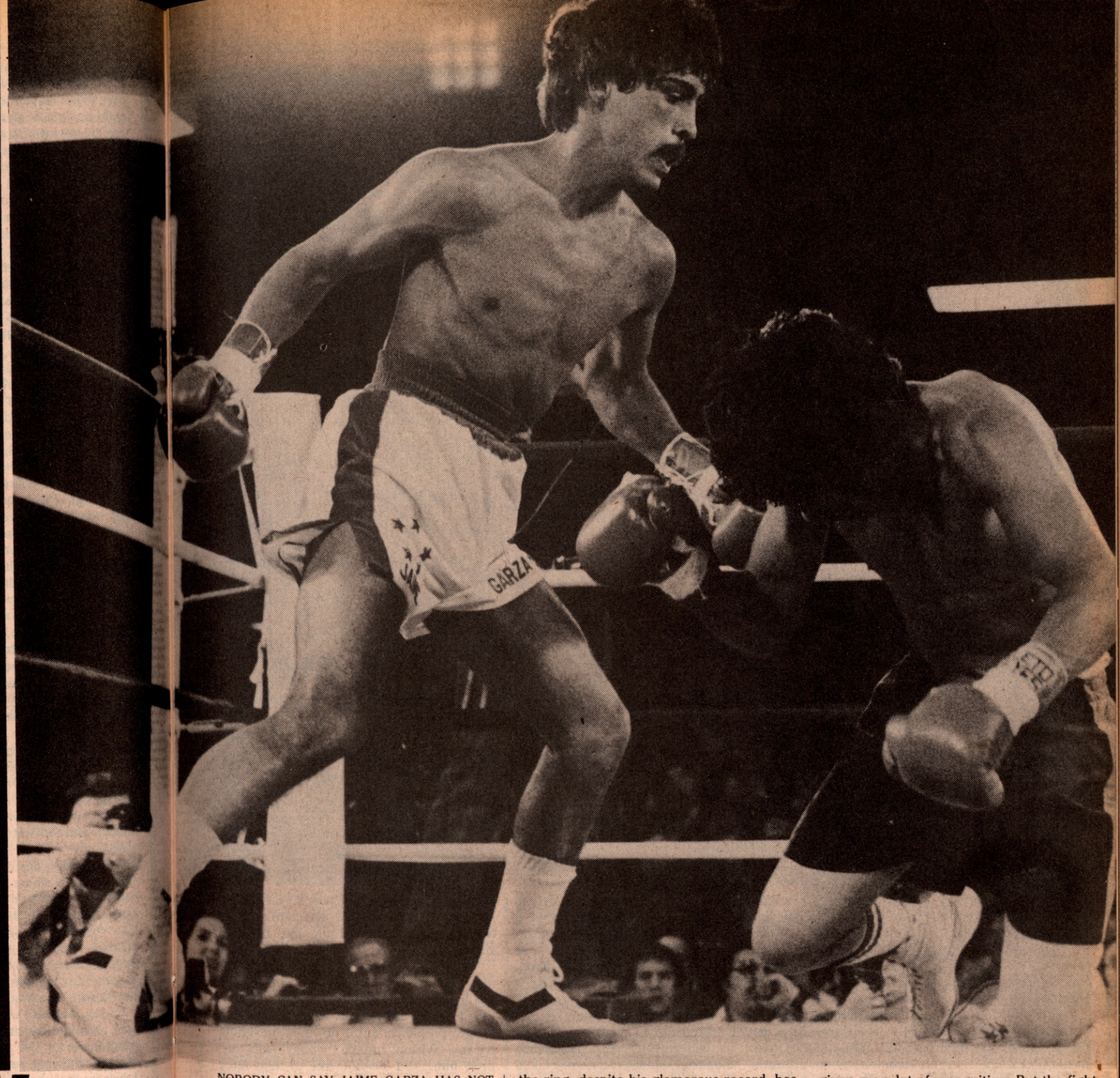
That's why Arcel cannot understand why there was no one in Collins' camp present when Resto put on the gloves.

"Why weren't the handlers in the dressing room?" asked Arcel. "You holler before, not after it's all over. You never let anyone get away with anything. Some of these guys go haywire. They run away with themselves trying to become big-time handlers. If your fighter can fight, you're big time. If he can't, you're another bum in the park."

Before he left his job as commission chairman, Prenderville said some procedural change would have to be made to insure that it doesn't happen again. Perhaps, he said, the gloves would be signed, just the way the tape on the hands is signed, by the inspectors. Perhaps the gloving will be done in the ring.

The rules have got to be made tougher; and they have to be better enforced. But this much is certain: the morality won't change and we're dealing with men's lives.





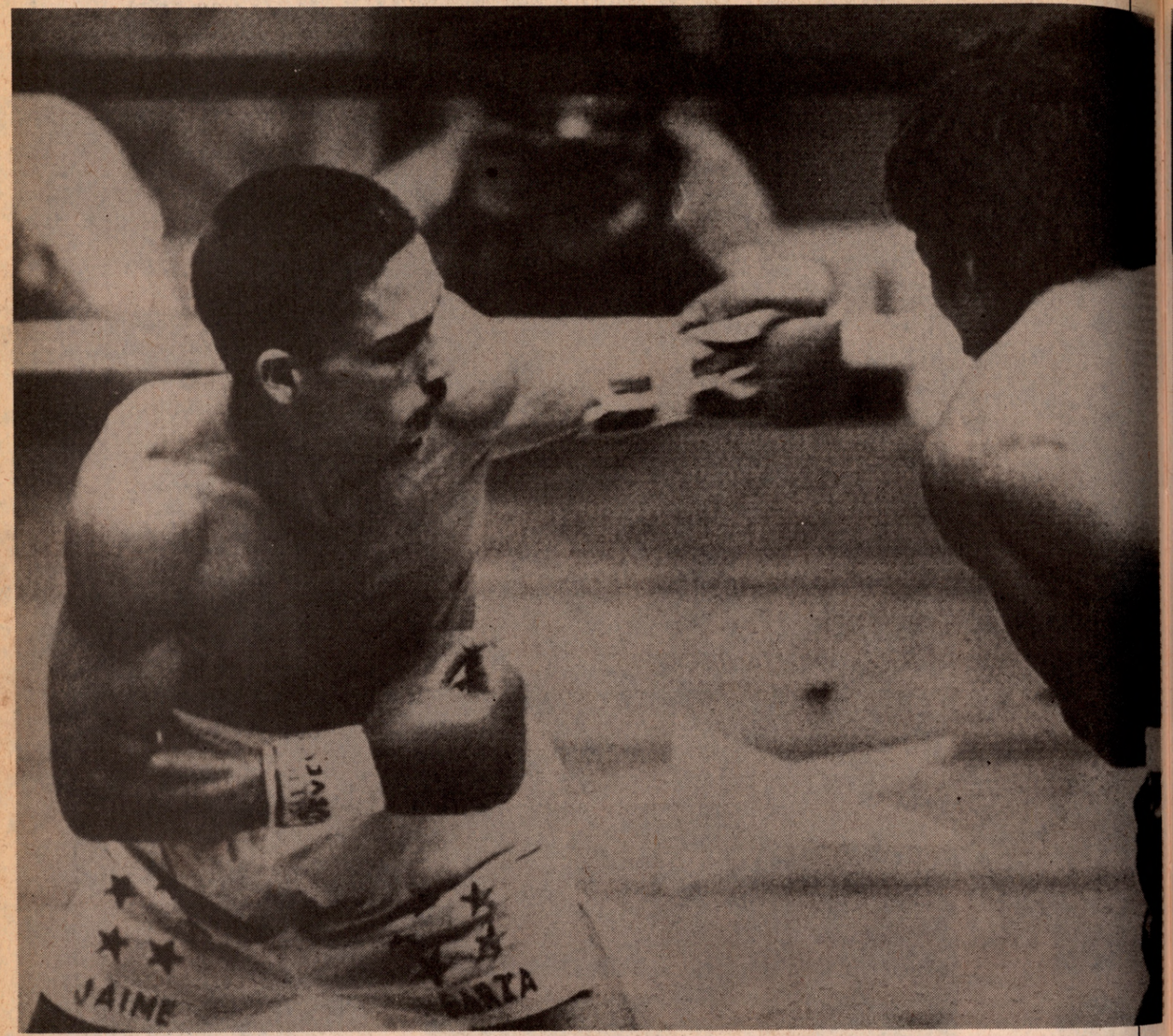
JAIME GARZA: THE NEW WEST COAST SENSATION

BY CHRIS COATES

NOBODY CAN SAY JAIME GARZA HAS NOT done everything ever asked of him. Just 23-years-old, the Los Angeles fighter has a record of 38-0, 36 by knockout, and a few months ago captured the vacated World Boxing Council 122-lb. title. It used to be that nothing got the attention of the fight crowd quicker than the mention of a 'knockout-artist.' But Garza's presence in the ring, despite his glamorous record, has not resulted in a landslide business at the box office.

"In the past not having a title cost me popularity," said Garza from his uncle's home in Pacoima, just outside of L.A. "But that is taken care of now. I would have liked to have fought Wilfredo Gomez for the title, he was a great champion and it would have given me a lot of recognition. But the fight never happened. There is too much politics in boxing, and maybe that's why I had to wait so long to get a shot at the title. Now that I am champion I don't think about the past."

Over the years Los Angeles has been a mecca for Mexican fighters. And the great heros have always been those—like Ruben

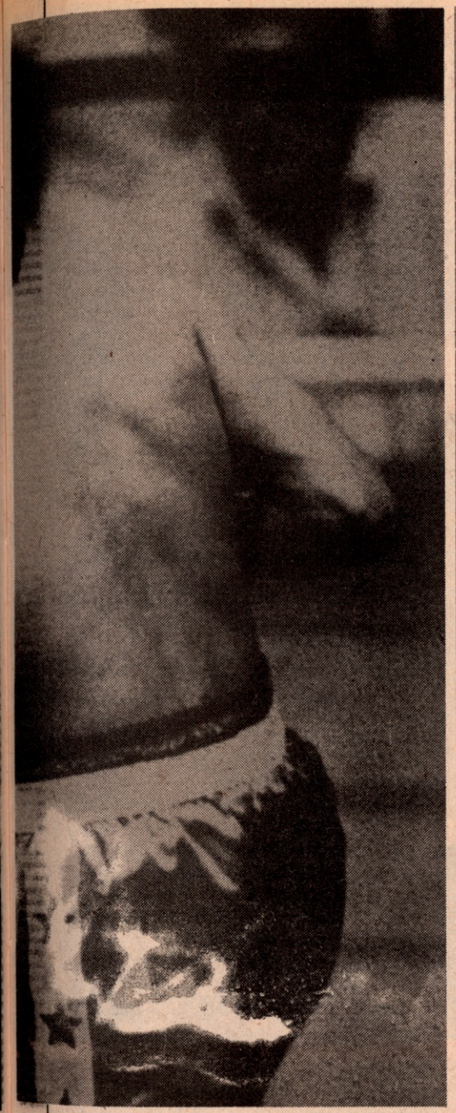


Olivares, Jose Cuevas, Bobby Chacon, or Carlos Zarate—who took out their opponents in the most devastating fashion. The Latin population in Southern California doesn't care if a fighter is sober or well-mannered, just as long as he is brave, from south of the border, can punch and has a certain flair. Then, and only then, will he be worshipped by the fans. However, Jaime Garza, born in California and raised in Texas, does not share in that adulation, viewed as a Chicano by some and a Gringo by others.

Boxing began to interest Garza the day his father gave him a pair of gloves. With 12 brothers and sisters Jamie preferred to hang around the gym more than home. Evbentually he started in the amateurs, winning 28 of 31 fights. Turning pro, he came back to California where he signed with manager Benny Georgino. In his 38 pro fights, 22 opponents have not heard the bell for the third round! Outside the ring Garza is no whirlwind. He is shy and is no braggart, letting his fists do the talking. A stranger would find it hard to believe that this thin-armed bashful youngster sports such a wicked reputation in the ring. Not only is his demeanor misleading, but he has none of the tradmarks of the trade! Garza has no scars on his face, no flattened nose, and his voice is still high-pitched. His interests are also atypical of a boxer: he drives a '76 Cadillac, likes tennis and handball, listens to country music, and one day would like to be a singer.

"I haven't made any big plans," Garza says about his future. "I would like to fight any challenger. If Jeff Chandler wanted to fight me, I would love that. They say he has weight problems, and if so, then he should try my division. I think I would really surprise him. And I would like to fight Mike Ayala. It really doesn't make any difference to me."

When Garza won the title—knocking out someone who answers to the name of Bobby Berna in 2 rounds—he made $100,000,



Carmelo Negron (not incidentally, Garza's only fight on national TV), are hardly household names, but they are the best of what Garza's been offered. Two other bouts that would have generated interest, against Mike Ayala and Leo Cruz, both fell through. No wonder Garza wished he had fought Gomez; even a lose would have given him more attention than he has received in the past, his victories sandwiched somewhere under shipping news.

Manager Georgino thinks about the future and chuckles: "Now is when things are really going to open up for Jaime. He's been fighting for over five years and fans around the country have heard about him, but soon they are going to get a chance to see him fight. He's going to make a great impression. Jaime walks around at about 126 pounds, so in a year or two, we'll see how things go, and he'll go after LaPorte. Now that would be a good fight. I think a real good fight for Jaime, proudly concludes Georgino, a man who knows of what he says when talking about the little men, already having taken Danny "Red" Lopez to the top.

Given a few fights and a little television exposure. Jaime Garza might just become known as one of the big little men in boxing. But right now he suffers from a severe case of "Who's he?" Commingled with ennui. It's up to Garza—and Georgino—to change all that.

JAIME GARZA

Los Angeles, Calif, Junior Featherweight
Born: September 10, 1959. Height: 5 ft. 7 in.
Mangaged by Bennie Georgino

	1978		
Feb.	7—Eduardo Villareal, Reynosa	KO	1
Mar.	2—Francisco Silva, Reynosa	KO	1
Nov.	30—Miguel Bejarano, Los Angeles	KO	1
Dec.	14—Augustin Sanchez, Los Angeles	KO	2
	1979		
Jan.	11—Delfino Cornejo, Los Angeles	KO	2
Jan.	18—Jose Villegas, Los Angeles	KO	4
Aug.	23—Jose Villegas, Los Angeles	W	6
Sept.	25—Ramon Barrera, Los Angeles	KO	3
Nov.	2—Fernando Reyes, San Diego	KO	2
Dec.	8—Ernesto Rios, Los Angeles	KO	3
Dec.	14—Jose Luis Lopez, San Bernardino	KO	1
	1980		
Feb.	2—Joe Lopez, Phoenix	KO	1
Feb.	22—Jose Hernandez, San Bernardino	KO	2
Mar.	21—Luis Avila, San Bernardino	KO	8
Apr.	12—Pedro Gonzales, Tucson	KO	3
May	2—Jose Reyna, San Bernardino	KO	1
May	13—Luis Avila, Bakersfield	W	10
June	21—Augustine Granados, Las Vegas	KO	1
July	17—Luis Sandoval, Los Angeles	KO	3
Aug.	7—Lorenzo Ramirez, Los Angeles	KO	4
Sept.	13—Calvin Sheppard, San Antonio	KO	4
Oct.	30—Jose Luis Valente, Los Angeles	KO	3
Dec.	13—Manuel Ruelas, El Paso	KO	1
	1981		
Feb.	17—Robert Anderson, Los Angeles	KO	1
Apr.	4—Hector Cortez, Los Angeles	KO	1
May	15—Alex Garcia, Los Angeles	KO	2
June	19—Franco Torregoza, Las Vegas	KO	1
July	26—Lupe Martinez, Las Vegas	KO	2
Aug.	20—Carlos Zuniga, Los Angeles	KO	2
Sept.	3—Rodolfo Quintero, Los Angeles	KO	2
Oct.	15—Romero Lira, Los Angeles	KO	3
Nov.	19—Antonio De La Paz, Los Angeles	KO	2
Dec.	17—Joaquin Acuna, Los Angeles	KO	4
	1982		
Feb.	4—Carlos Mendoza, Los Angeles	KO	10
June	19—Carmelo Negron, Las Vegas	KO	5
Nov.	6—Hugo Partida, Los Angeles	KO	1
	1983		
Mar.	3—Ruben Moreno, Los Angeles	KO	1
June	15—Bobby Berna, Los Angeles	KO	2

(Won Vacant WBC Junior Featherweight Title)

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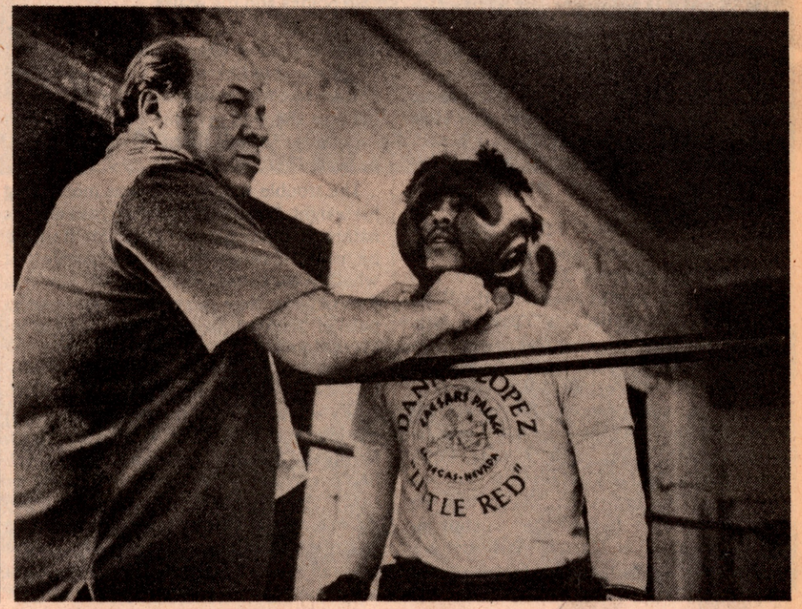


his largest purse. But the promotion failed, the Olympic Auditorium taking in only $15,000—the result of a combination of events hurting the show: the fight was shown on local television and Garza's opponent was a complete unknown, with less than no box-office appeal.

And that, exactly, is what has been the bane of Garza's career to date. Call it the junior featherweight or super bantamweight division, there are only a handful of quality fighters at that weight throughout the world. A look at Garza's record shows only a few names that would mean anything to even the most rabid followers of the sport: Hector Cortez, Carlos Mendoza, and

ANATOMY OF A NON-FIGHT:
MICHAEL SPINKS VS. EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

By Bert Randolph Sugar

IT WAS THE DAMNDEST SERIES OF cause-and-effects since someone more than four centuries ago wrote "For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the driver was lost...etc., etc." Only this time it was the 2½ pounds that were NOT lost that lost everything.

Michael Katz of the New York TIMES said it best when, after the early morning weigh-in at the unGodly hour of eight o'clock, he muttered, "On a scale of one to 175, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad weighed 177½." And therein lies the first in a set of Rube Goldbergesque happenings that triggered the greatest non-fight in boxing history.

THE FIGHT WAS ONE EDDIE MUSTAFA Muhammad had sought and campaigned for, claiming that Michael Spinks, who had beaten him 25 months before for the WBA light heavyweight title, was "ducking" him. So sure and so convincing was Eddie (once known as Eddie Gregory, AKA "The Flame") that he went to court earlier this year to force a rematch, winning an agreement from both the WBA and the WBC that he would fight the winner of last March 18th's light heavyweight unification fight between Spinks and Dwight Braxton. Spinks won the fight and the right to fight Mustafa Muhammad, signing to meet him five weeks after his win over Braxton, their "getting it on" to take place that summer.

Mustafa Muhammad has lost his own personal battle of the bulge several times before, fighting as a bulbous 201-pounder against Renaldo "Mr." Snipes and then losing 26 pounds—three of them the morning of the fight—to defend his WBA light heavyweight crown against Michael Spinks in a fight he lost, claiming later that it was the weight loss on the morning of the fight that did him in. This time there were to be no excuses, he would exact his retribution against both Spinks and the scales.

As the day of the fight approached, in an as-yet unnamed site, Eddie began to get rhapsodic about his shape, telling everyone and anyone who would listen that he was "in the best shape of my life," and that he was "already at 185 and that 175 was no trouble, no sweat!"

The trouble was nobody was monitoring his weight, Eddie being his own man and his bathroom scales his only governor. It was to be his word versus the scales, regardless of whether they stood in his palatial home in East Orange, New Jersey, or in the equally-palatial ballroom of Washington's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.

As the fight—and hopefully, Eddie, too—began to take shape, promoter Butch Lewis announced that it would take place in the improbable locale of Washington, D.C., hardly the home of champions, having only had one World Series champion, one Super Bowl champion and two championship fights in its entire sporting history. Still, the town of Washington welcomed the fancifully-titled "Duel in D.C." with open arms, hailing it as a new day aborning for

boxing, the fitting tribute to its newfound boxing resurgence.

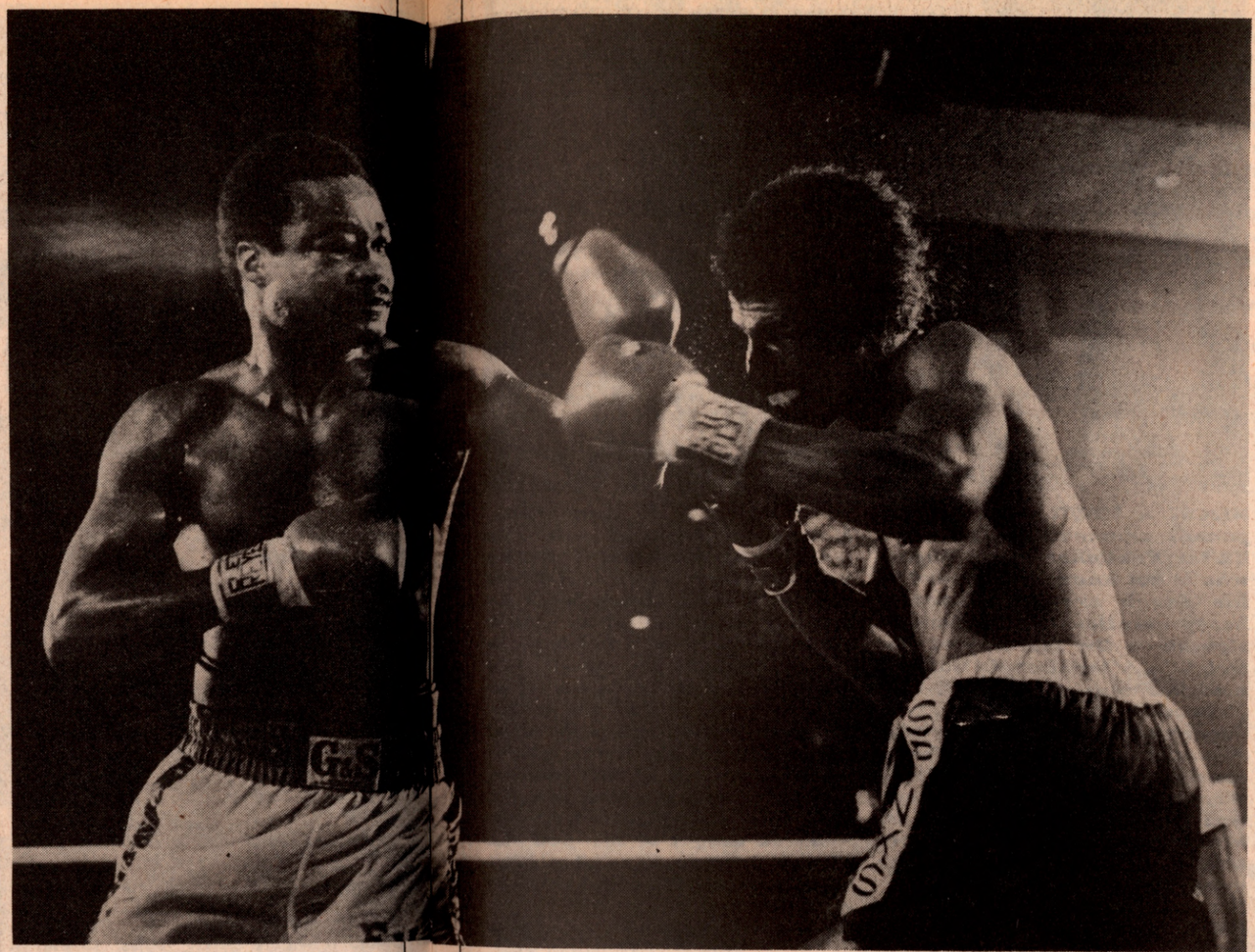
Arriving in Washington, Eddie set up his training headquarters in the Spartan atmosphere of a Hyattsville, Maryland, gym, just across the border from the Nation's Capital. And, although he brought with him a crew of men dedicated to getting their charge in the best of shape, he still kept his own counsel, training when he wanted and drinking Cokes when he wanted, his weight a constant question to those around him and the prying eyes of reporters and Washington commissioners. Not to worry, Eddie assured them all, when the time came he would be more than ready to rumble.

Still, there was an uneasy feeling, particularly on the night before the fight—and, not incidentally, the weigh-in—when Eddie went running in the hot 100 degree heat. For a man who claimed that he was beaten not so much by Spinks as by the scales in their first set-to, it began to look as if he would beat himself again, losing another decision to the scales before he even got into the ring with Spinks.

But Eddie was content. He had weighed 175 on his own scale that afternoon, and, he claimed, "gone without food" the entire day, even running to assure himself that his weight was no more than that reflected on his own bathroom scales: 175 on the button. He had even once come down to the ballroom to weigh himself on the scales, or so he said, in the company of a D.C. Commissioner, and found the scales locked up, undergoing last-minute calibrations. The commissioner, again according to Eddie, had said something to the effect, "The scales looked rigged." But Eddie had gone to bed that title eve happy in his knowledge that he "was 175" and slept the sleep of someone who dreams of sugar plum goodies and title victories.

The next morning, in front of a crowd of well-wishers and sleepy-eyed reporters, Eddie materialized at the appointed hour of eight, accompanied by his handlers and entourage. Standing in the middle of the ballroom was a monstrosity with the word "Fairbanks" heavily embossed on its platform, a reference to the inventor of the platform scale, Thaddeus Fairbanks. The scales in question, which were to remain in question, looked like the original 1831 prototype. And, although these were the scales from the District of Columbia Boxing Commission's office which had been used in 1941 to weigh both Joe Louis and Buddy Baer for their heavyweight championship fight, some unkind wag in the press corps could be heard to suggest that they still bore the burn marks of the War of 1812.

Shedding his clothes down to the last available stitch—the act of a man who knows he either has nothing to hide or something to gain, in this case a precious few ounces—Eddie stepped up onto the platform in his altogether as chairperson Cora Wilds warned those in the room "to shield their



eyes." But it was Mustafa Muhammad who should have shielded his eyes, or at the very least, "stood in bed," for the scales balanced at "177-and-a-half," as announced by Ms. Wilds. He stepped off, stepped back on one more time and then sat down, his head held low while Michael Spinks stepped on the scale to the sounds and scattered applause and the reading of his weight as "174-and-a-quarter."

Spinks stepped off, put back on his jacket and taking a cup of hot broth walked past the dejected challenger smiling the smile of a man who had just eaten a banana sideways, smacking his lips and saying, in his best imitation of a Campbell Soup commercial, "Ummmmmmm, good..." Mustafa Muhammad did not acknowledge the quasi-greeting, instead staring at the floor while all around him the crowd buzzed and Ms. Wilds intoned for the seconds to pick out the gloves for the evening's festivities.

Attempting to cut through the extra-curricular activity then taking place, someone on the outside of the roped-off area had the good sense to ask, "How long will Eddie have to make his weight?" When, after some discussion, the answer came back, "Two hours," it was clear that Eddie Mustafa Muhammad had once again taken a punch below the weight-line and would have trouble making the weight.

In days of old, before Muhammad Ali, weigh-ins used to be held in the privacy of an office. Regardless of the day of the week, the weigh-in was always like a Sunday afternoon: relaxed and informal. In many cases commissions have waived the strict reading of the weights and merely waved their hands over the scales, proclaiming them to be whatever is needed to let the games begin. But not today under the steady glare of the kleig lights and public curiosity, if not scrutiny. Oh, sure, there are instances when local favorites, such as Wilfredo Gomez, have hopped over the scales on their way to orange juice, claiming that they made the weight and that it was too late now, they having just taken fluids. But Eddie Mustafa Muhammad was no local favorite and he hadn't merely walked across the platform, he had remained there. Heavily.

The rules of the game now called for Eddie to retire to his room, or to the gym—as Davey Moore had done just before his fight with Roberto Duran—to lose the required weight. There was even a rumor that if he gave it "his best effort," some sort of accommodation would be countenanced. In the world of boxing, the fight must go on. Anything else was unheard of.

But Eddie Mustafa Muhammad has always been the sort of man who goes through life pushing doors marked "Pull." He is defiant. Arrogant. And more. He retired to his room upstairs with trainer Wali Muhammad, and "lay down on my bed and laughed." He wasn't going to play their game by their rules. He "knew" he was 175. "This is a fact, I know my body."

Eddie refused to budge from either his bed or from his 177-and-a-half pounds, claiming that the scales had been rigged. His contention was supported by one of the fighters on the undercard, Vinnie Curto, who had been scheduled to meet James Shuler for the NABF welterweight championship. Vinnie had scaled two-and-a-half pounds over the prescribed limit and gone back upstairs for a quick 15 minutes of rope-skipping then come back down and made the weight. Curto later said that he had stood on the back of the scale the second time around and the middle of the platform the first. But they had played by the rules; they had tried. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad had not. Somehow, it was as if a person had said, "I'll think it over and let you know." But, just as you know that the answer is "No," you also knew what Eddie's answer was.

Downstairs, during the long two-hour interval, while rumor-upon-rumor filtered down that Mustafa Muhammad would not even try to make the weight, a little man in a green tie from the U.S. Department of Weights and Measures answered any and all questions about the scales, assuring everyone that there were no two weigh s about it, that the scales were accurate to the nearest milimeter. Or celsius. Or whatever. (This despite the fact that some fool reporter had gone downstairs to the nearest grocery store and purchased 18 2-lb. bags of Pillsbury Flour in a giant overwrap and dropped it on the scales to find that it weighed 39½ pounds.)

(This was not the first time weight had been a problem in a championship fight—it had happened five times before, officially, dating back to the Charley Phil Rosenberg-Bushy Graham fight in 1927, and many times "unofficially," with one of the two participants claiming the other had "not made the weight." But this was the first time in boxing history that one of the two combatants had failed to even make a try at the "making weight." It was unheard of; so unheard of that one fighter even ventured the thought that he would "geld" himself just to get a shot at a championship.) Now, as everyone—from promoter Butch Lewis to HBO's Director of Sports, George Kreiger—ran around like all the king's men, trying mightily to pick up the pieces and put them back together again, a news conference was scheduled. The bewitching hour was to be noon. But it was soon evident that, like Humpty Dumpty, the pieces couldn't be put back together again,

and that the "Duel in D.C." was now going to be fought with B-B guns, not howitzers. What had transpired in the one-and-a-half hour interval between Mustafa's steadfast reluctance to fast and the news conference was that all the parties who were in up to their very expensive neckware had come to a concurrence: they would halve the amount of the guarantees—Spinks now to get $500,000 and Mustafa Muhammad to receive $75,000—for a 10-round non-title fight. Forget the fact that Eddie had judgments against his end of the purse for $113,000, he was ready to rumble, as was Michael, for pride alone.

The story of the news conference was not so much that Eddie initially appropriated the microphone and said, "If Michael Spinks beats me, it will have to be strength against strength," explaining why he chose to finesse the making of the weight; nor that his trainer, Wali Muhammad, claimed that "If Eddie tried to come down and lose another 2½ pounds, the fight wouldn't go two rounds...he would get killed...," or even that Michael Spinks' charged that "It shows the kind of person he is to choose a lousy excuse for not fighting for the title..." The story came in one question posed by the press to Spinks: "Have you," asked the reporter, "talked to Eddie Futch yet?," referring to Michael's trainer. The answer, unfortunately, was "No," and upon that answer came another turn in an ongoing drama that had more turns than an O. Henry potboiler.

For somewhere between the conclusion of the twelve o'clock press conference, when all in attendance came away convinced that a fight, albeit not a championship fight, would take place, and a quarter-to-six—when word raced through the lobby of the L'Enfant Plaza that "the fight is off" and that yet another one of those press conferences that had come with enough regularity to drink Dr. Pepper by was scheduled—Michael HAD spoken to Futch. And his advice was not something that would make Mssrs. Lewis, Kreiger and Company happy. According to Futch he had told Spinks, "We had prepared to fight a 175-pound Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. Those 2½ pounds are important. I doubt he would have been as effective at 175. (But at 177½) he would have presented more of a problem. He would have been stronger because he hadn't had to drain himself to get to the weight while Michael had made the sacrific." In short, the fight was now a "No go," this time courtesy of Michael. And Eddie Futch.

But before we proceed to the next occurrence in terms of accurate temporal chronology, the 7:00 press conference, here we must indulge in a flashback, one which takes place in Butch Lewis' suite in the L'Enfant Plaza at 4:30. The scene is one of mass confusion, which is normal at fight central the night before a big fight. As Lewis makes his rounds he is approached by "Shorty," a member of Eddie Mustafa Muhammad's entourage, who is aptly named for his stature. "Shorty" asks Lewis for 20 $100 ringside tickets, which he explains are not only called for in the contract but are for Eddie's friends coming from Brooklyn. Butch can only stare at his tormentor with disbelieving eyes and cry out, "You're out of business, friend," referring not only to the fact that Mustafa has caused the bout to be scaled down from a title to a non-title bout, but also that he has broken the contract. Shorty stands his ground and claims his just due, also holding out that these "friends from Brooklyn" will be mighty unhappy that they don't have tickets. (It is not known whether, at this point, any threat was conveyed to Lewis, as was later reported, that these "friends" were in fact the bikers known as "The Assassins" or if, at this magic moment, any threat of physical violence was held out against the referees, as also suggested in later interviews; all that is known is that a confrontation did take place and that so-called "friends" were mentioned.

As the ballroom began to fill up for the ad hoc news conference, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, having been told at 7:00 of the total cancellation of the evening's festivities, came walking towards the front, determined to get his case in front of the news media first. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a group of people wearing leather jackets with the name "Assassin's" (sic) on the back materialized at the side of the room, ready to cheer for their man, who proclaimed, "I signed a contract saying I'd fight Michael Spinks for 10 rounds, I took a cut. Now the man says he doesn't want to fight. He has a heart this

WEIGHT A MINUTE—THERE'S TWO pounds unaccounted for: RING Editor/Publisher Bert Sugar, who is not known for throwing his dough around, raised a heavy question to the commissioners on the morning of the weigh-in. After Mustafa Muhammad had come in at 177½ and claimed the scales were rigged, Sugar went out and purchased a 36-pound sack of Pillsbury flour, consisting of 18 two-pound bags. When the weight of the package was announced at 39½ pounds, officials claimed that the excess weight was due to the paper wrappings.

Not so, according to Ann Corwell, Public Relations Director for the Pillsbury Co. in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Corwell said the weight breakdown for the package was: Each individual sack 3/10 of an ounce (total: 5.4 ounces); each individual sack contains (8/10 of an ounce in overweight flour (total: 14.4 ounces); and the case baler, or the wrapping around the sacks, 3.5 ounces. That brings the total excess weight above the advertised 36 pounds to 23.3 ounces, nearly one-and-one-half pounds, still two pounds less than the announced weight of 39½ pounds. Which brings us to the 177½ pounds Eddie Mustafa Muhammad weighed...

big," he concluded, holding his forefinger and thumb an inch apart. Just as suddenly, Butch Lewis arrived, equally intent upon commandeering the microphone to lay in front of the press his sad plight. Lewis told Eddie that "this is my conference" and told him to "get the hell out of the room." Eddie retaliated with a "Get-out-of-my-face" that sounded like "Get-out-of-my-face." That's when all hell broke loose. But, ironically, the head table was not where push came to shove; it came from the back of the room.

For somehow the security men at the back of the room had now begun pushing anyone they could find in the interest of order, which they were improperly serving. One of those they tried to manhandle was John Lewis, Butch's father. Mr. Lewis didn't take kindly to being shoved around at his son's press conference, especially so since his son had been pushed around all day by circumstances and fighters. He took umbrage and a right-hand swing, felling the security officer. Meanwhile, up at the front table, Cora Wilds, the D.C. Commissioner, was crying out, "It's your father, Butch." Lewis FILS jumped up atop a chair, all the better to get a look at the goings-on in the back of the room, then came down heavily off the chair, holding his hand to his chest area as if in a state of agitation. It was then that the fit hit the shan.

Jack Goodman, the RING photographer, who was perched high atop a table, caught the only action of the evening and reported it in pictures and words. His pictures speak eloquently enough, but his words also add an extra dimension to the story: "As Butch came down and Eddie continued to shout at him, one of the Assassins came over to thrust his arm in the middle. Meanwhile, Eddie's mother was grabbing him from the back and pulling him away. It was at this point that Dwight Braxton, seated on the other side of Butch, jumped in and warned Eddie to get away, pointing his finger at him. The whole incident lasted less than 20 seconds, and there was no body contact except for that of Eddie's mother and the Assassin holding back Eddie."

It was at that precise moment that a group of security guards, not quite understanding what they had seen, rushed the head table and drove anybody behind the table into the moveable partition, tilting it in so that it came out of the wall at a 90 degree angle. And the hotel management, equally unequal to the task, sent out a Mayday call to the District of Columbia police for additional reinforcements.

When order was restored and Eddie removed from the room, Butch Lewis tearfully told of the cancellation of the fight and Michael Spinks quietly took the press up to his decision not to fight, saying "I lay in bed during the afternoon thinking why am I going through with this because of Mustafa's intolerable actions. I felt I was making a bad decision, allowing him to be in the same ring with me. There was a tremendous paycut, but there were personal things...his suing me, taking me to court to fight me, then not going through with the fight. He acted like a madman." In closing Spinks added, "Muhammad does not deserve a f—' fight. I'd be stooping to his level."

But, even though the fight that never happened was over, the evening was far from over, police turning L'Enfant Plaza into an armed camp, requiring room keys and loyalty oaths just to get to one's room. The hotel, which obviously had felt that prior to renting out their facilities to the fight crowd they had catered to a clientele which would wear riding habits just to play horseshoes, had overreacted. So much so that at 12:30 that night they asked some interested parties to ask both fighters to leave the hotel. This while just six blocks away, at the U.S. Capitol, two U.S. Congressmen were being censured that same day for flipping through the pages and the crime rate of those in elected offices is higher, by far, than that in our most crime-infested precinct.

The whole affair was one of the most incredible nights in the history of boxing. One which jeopardizes the sport less than Eddie Mustafa Muhammad's career which is left weighing in the balance.

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

COLOR ACTION SHOTS OF THE Month: Oscar Muniz sticks it to Bantamweight champ Jeff Chandler in a stunning 10-round non-title upset, RING's "Fight of the Month;" OVERLEAF: THE ONLY blemish on Leonard's record was a gruelling 15-round decision loss to Roberto Duran; a defeat he would later avenge. But the "Brawl in Montreal" proved beyond a doubt that Ray had inherited Muhammad Ali's title as "Boxing's Biggest Draw" in what was the richest welterweight fight history—until his "Showdown" with then-unbeaten Thomas Hearns in Las Vegas, whom he knocked out in the 14th round. Junior Middleweight champ Thomas Hearns steps up in class to beat middleweight Murray Sutherland in 10 rounds, staggering his heavier foe but never flooring him.

MUNIZ—CHANDLER

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Oscar (The Boxer) Muniz handed Jeff Chandler the first; defeat of his professional career, scoring a split decision in a non-title 10-rounder. The bitterly-contested contest established Muniz as the leading contender for Chandler's WBA bantamweight crown and set the stage for an attractive rematch later this year. And while Muniz certainly proved that he belongs among the bantamweight elite, Chandler managed to alienate both friend and foe alike with an objectionable exhibition of poor sportsmanship.

If behavior is a mirror in which everyone displays his image, Chandler should be repulsed at the sight of his own reflection. Throughout the fight he indulged in a full array of arrogant behavior, taunting Muniz both verbally and by swirling his right fist in a mock bolo. These unprofessional attempts to belittle his opponent neither fooled nor amused anybody. Jeff also bellyached constantly to referee Larry Hazzard about every minor infraction, real or imaginary. Then, in the final round, with the fight hanging in the balance, Chandler repeatedly stuck out his tongue in the manner of a spoiled brat who couldn't have his own way.

Despite the top quality contestants, the match had been hastily pasted together by promoter Russell Peltz to fill a void in ABC-TV's schedule. They had originally planned to show a tape of the Michael Spinks-Eddie Mustafa Muhammad light heavyweight title fight. When that one went down the tubes, so to speak, Peltz offered this surprisingly excellent pairing. Muniz had been snubbed by the WBC and WBA, but was rated number three by *Ring's* International Ratings Panel on the strength of his 35-3-3 (22 kayoes) record.

Both men only had a week's notice, but they delivered bristling, non-stop action from first bell to last. It's a shame that Chandler's shabby deportment had to detract from such an otherwise outstanding encounter.

It was obvious from Jump Street that Muniz was not in awe of the undefeated champ. He rushed out of his corner, backed Chandler into the ropes and connected with several stiff blows to the head. Jeff responded with a smile and a jab. Neither impressed Oscar, and he finished the round as he started—by belting Chandler in the chops.

The already brisk pace intensified over the next few round. The exchanges were crisp and frequent. Both seemed confident and sure of victory. It was soon apparent that Chandler had finally met somebody capable of extending him to the limit.

A nasty looking gash appeared over Muniz's left eye in the second. His corner never really stemmed the flow and blood continued to steam down Oscar's cheek the rest of the fight. It made a frightening sight, but to his credit, Muniz all but ignored the injury, concentrating instead on the task in front of him.

"We did hit heads," said Muniz after the fight. "I thought that opened up my eye. I never

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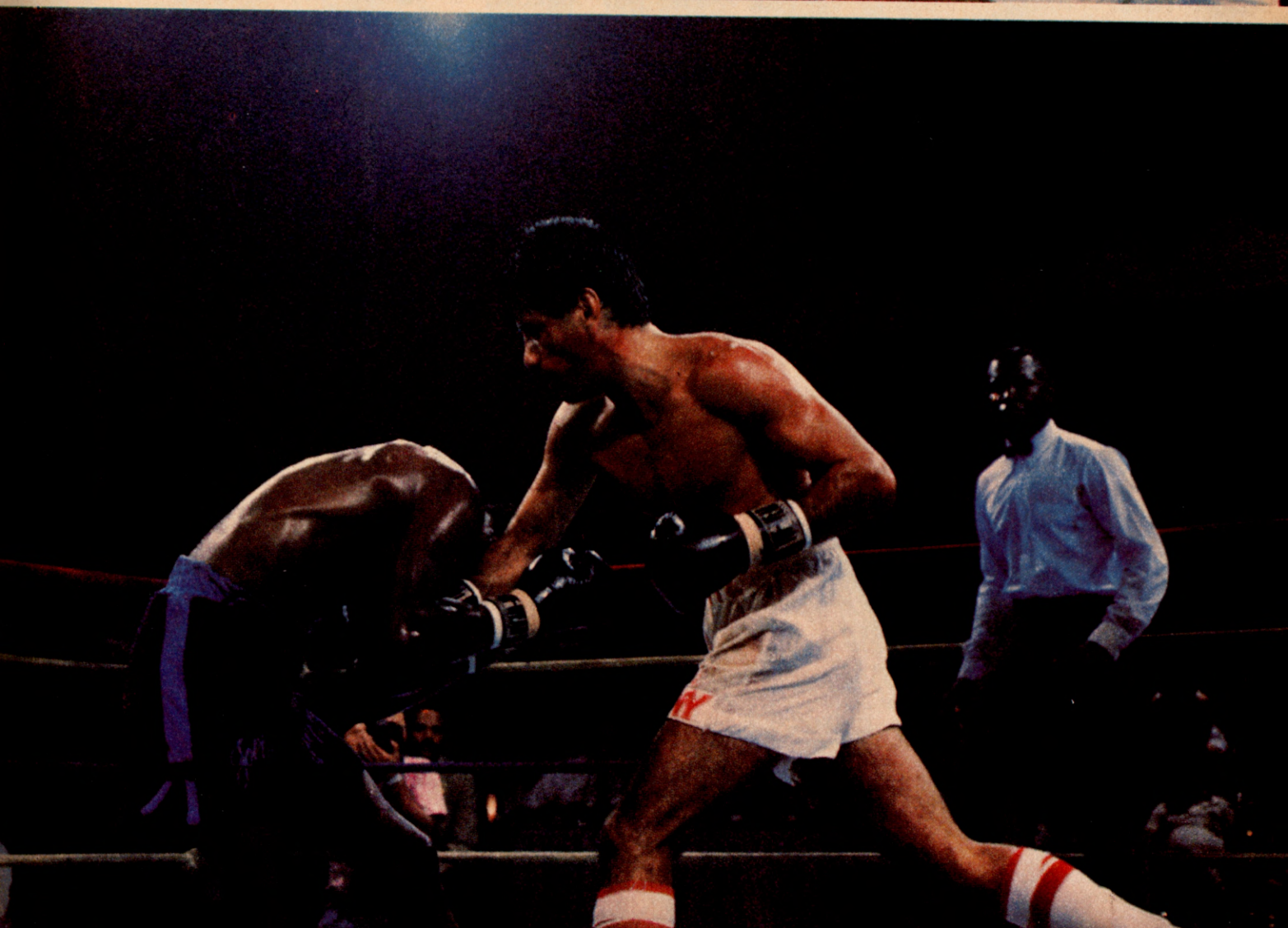
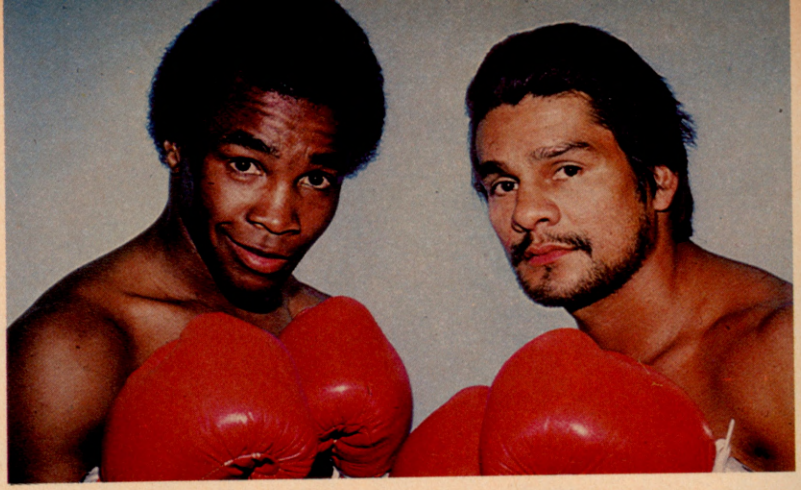
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

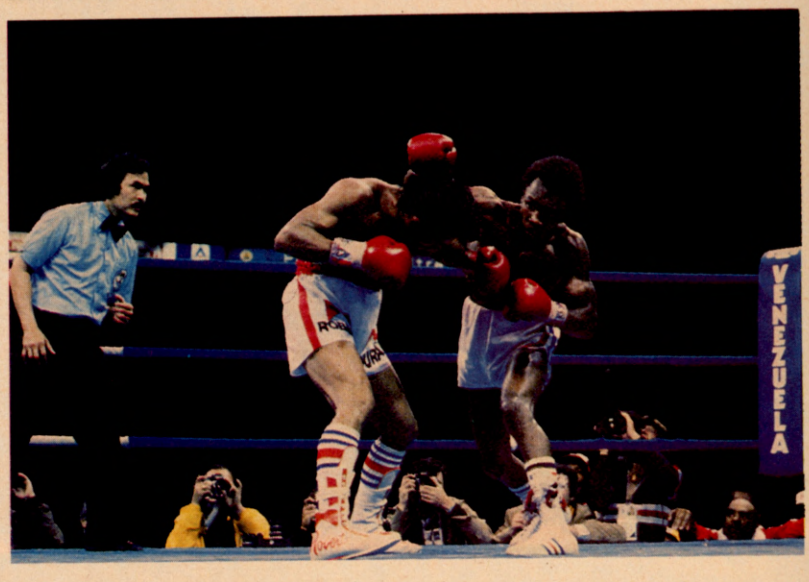
MUSTAFA HAMSHO HAS COME BACK A LONG WAY SINCE his face was cut to shreds by the fists of middlewieght champion Marvin Hagler two years ago in Rosemont, Illinois. Since that fight, every middleweight contender has tried to use him as a stepping stone to the title; and everytime the man from Syria found a way to shoot them down. Three-time champion Wilfred Benitez was no exception

The winner of the 12-round elimination bout was to get a crack at the title. Benitez, in his second fight at the 160-pound limit, was the favorite, but he never got a chance to display his quick hands and superior defensive ability. From the opening bell, Hamsho went to work, cornering Benitez and pounding him with everything at his disposal, including forearms, shoulders and body slams.

But Hamsho had more than another title shot as his motivation for this fight. He won this fight for his late manager and friend, Paddy Flood. "I could hear him yelling instructions during the fight," Hamsho later said through a veil of tears. Fighting just one man is tough enough. Fighting two is impossible. Even for Wilfred Benitez.



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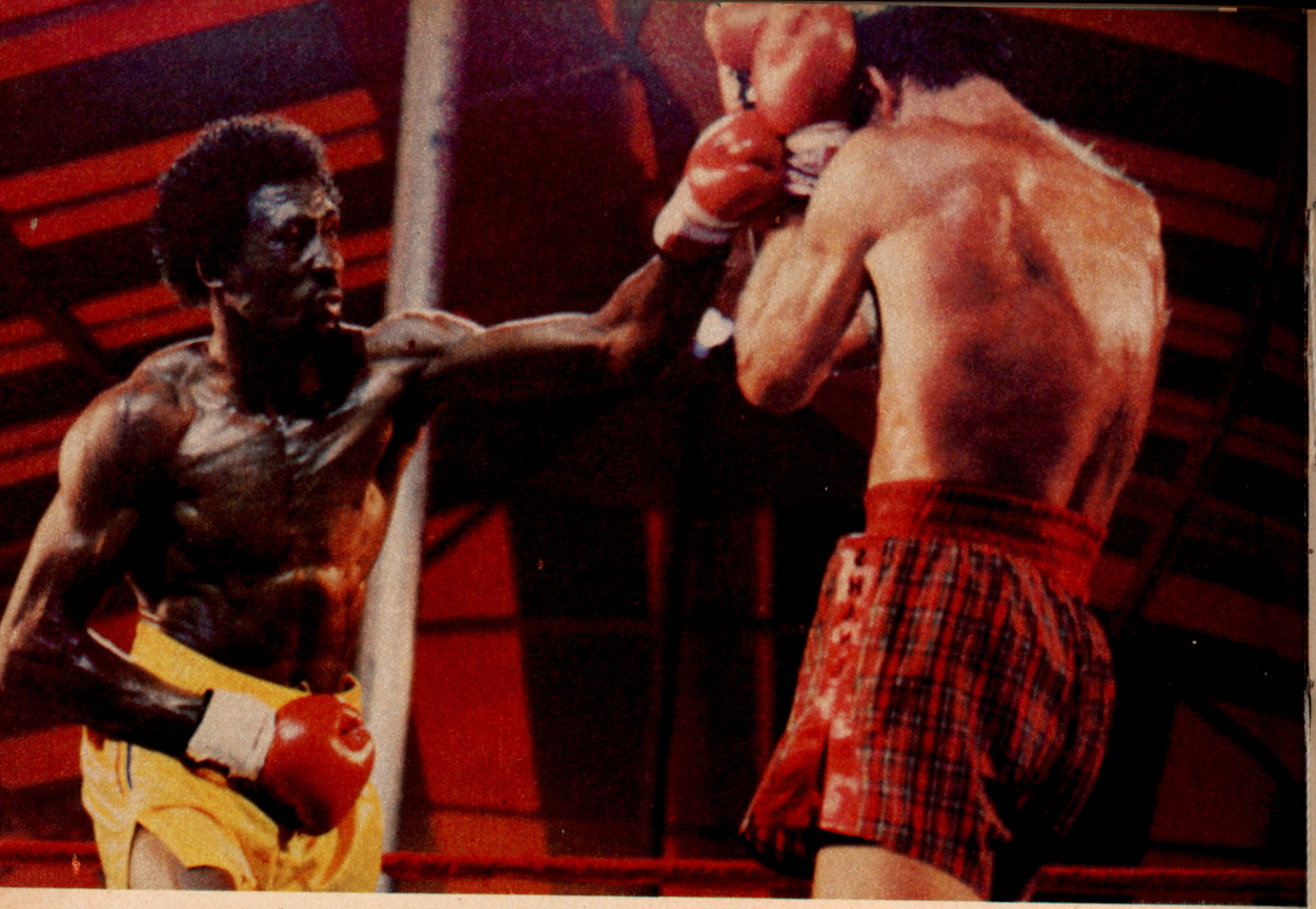

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cut in four years."

The fourth round was the sort of war they love in Philly and all points close by—classy, yet savage.

Chandler normally dictates the pace of his fights with technical mastery, but Muniz hustled him out of his stride and forced Jeff to stand and trade. An abundance of clean punches were scored by both as fortunes changed often. Then a right to the head knocked Muniz sideways, beginning a Chandler comeback that edged the thrilling fourth by a thin margin.

Chandler, engaged in one of the most entertaining fights of his career, soon found himself increasingly unpopular with the crowd gathered inside the Sand's Copa Room. They were turned off by his showboating and understandably began to pull for the underdog. Jeff's arrogance has surfaced before, but never to this extent.

Muniz often manuevered inside Chandler's longer reach and landed sharply to the body. It was a tactic that had been tried by others, but never with as much success. There were times when Oscar manhandled Jeff along the ropes, pushing him into position for a telling blow. During the sixth and seventh, you could practically smell an upset in the making.

Chandler intelligently abandoned the macho stuff in the eighth and moved the action to long range. He jabbed well and bounced a number of hard rights off Muniz's noggin. At this point, a strong finish might still have saved his unblemished record. It was not to be.

Muniz had toiled too long in relative anonymity and wasn't about to blow his first big chance on network television. He swarmed forward in the ninth, boring inside and landing short combinations. Chandler fought back, but the round ended with Oscar nailing the Philadelphian with three consecutive rights to the face.

Chandler needed to close like a true champion. Instead he acted like a true chump. Just when he needed to stick to business and fight hard the entire three minutes, he choose to poke out his tongue on five separate occasions. No wonder the crowd chanted "Oscar, Oscar..." as both men traded punches down to the wire.

Judge Frank Brunette voted for Chandler, 5-4-1, but was overruled by judges Tommy Kaczmarek and Phil Newman, who both scored for Muniz, 5-4-1. *The Ring* agreed with the majority.

How much of an influence Chandler's antics had on the officials is hard to tell. In any case, it had been a very close fight and difficult to score.

"They're only human," said Peltz of the judges. "How would you feel if you're judging a fight and one guy's sticking his tongue out and waving his hand while he should have been throwing punches. Not to take anything away from Muniz. He earned the decision."

As you might have guessed, Chandler was far from gracious in defeat.

"He didn't win a round. It was cold-blooded, out-and-out robbery," claimed Chandler. "I was beating the guy to death. He was running like a thief. This guy butted and grabbed me more than any guy I've ever seen win a fight. He landed a couple of good shots, but the best he landed were head butts."

At times, Jeff's comments bordered on paranoia.

"I know they've been out to get me for some time. Everybody wanted to see it happen—the fans, boxing people in general, the sportswriters."

Muniz, on the other hand, was overly modest in victory.

"I thought it could have gone either way," said the winner. "I've been on the other end many times. Now I know what it feels like on the other side."

Chandler, now 31-1-2 (16 kayoes), has a mandatory defense against Eijiro Murata to attend to first. But, providing he beats the Japanese contender again, ABC is anxious to buy a rematch with Muniz with the 118-pound belt at stake. Both men weighed 121¾ for this one.

Anthony (Two Gun) Fletcher, 136¼, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Luis Miguel Rodriguez, 135½, Santo Domingo, 10. Referee, Hazzard.

Calvin (Pop) Porter, 152, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Larry McCall, 151, Cincinnati, 10. Referee, Frank Cappuccino.

Kevin Perry, 161½, Phila., kayoed Randy Coleman, 161¾, Phila., in 2:34 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Referee, Cappuccino.

Jimmy Washington, 130¾, Phila., (Chandler's sparring partner) TKO'd mismatched James Woodhouse, 131½, Phila., at 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cappuccino.

Dom Parris, 152¾, Phila., knocked out Chris Anderson, 150, Phila., in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Hazzard.

Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc. (07-23-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

HEARNS-SUTHERLAND

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—THOMAS Hearns' latest adventure into the middleweight jungle drew mixed revues. Oh sure, Tommy scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Murray Sutherland, but he certainly looked less than awesome doing so. Not only did he fail to stop (or even knock down) the durable Scot, he was frustrated by his inability to land the bomb and even cut around the eyes.

"It was a pretty difficult fight for me," admitted Hearns. "I couldn't hit him with as many right hands as I wanted to. Sutherland wouldn't give me that opportunity. He kept his hands up pretty well."

The original plan called for Hearns to defend his WBC junior middleweight belt against James (Hardrock) Green. When Green got his ribs bent in training, the decision was made to bring Sutherland in for a non-title match at the middleweight limit. Hearns had always planned to move up eventually and this seemed like a perfect time to showcase him at his new weight.

Sutherland, on the other hand, has recently come down from light heavyweight to middle after failing in two bids to lift the 175-pound crown. Both Matthew Saad Muhammed and Michael Spinks had put him on ice, but at 160, Murray seems to have found new life. A come-from-behind knockout over Jean Marie Emebe in his last start also added credibility to his cause.

Sutherland started sprightly enough in the first, but quickly ran into a hard right to the head. The punch definitely hurt him and immediately took the edge off his ardor. As the round drew to a close, Hearns, 157 1/2, dug a left hook to the side that made Murray wince. It looked, at this point, that Tommy was on his way to a sensational outing. But Sutherland is made of stern stuff and wasn't about to pull a Pipino Cuevas.

From the second round on, Sutherland hung tough. He boxed well, picking off many of Hearns' punches with his arms and gloves. The trouble was that his offense was sacrificed by his defensive attitude. As it was, Murray still did enough damage with his right to open cuts above and below Tommy's left eye. The wounds were little more than nicks, but they bled a lot and kept his corner busy.

In several rounds, Hearns came out of his corner aggressively, only to revert to a tentative jab-and-move method of operation as the round progressed. He lacked that hungry look that was so evident when he was running rampant through the welterweight ranks. Has his loss to Sugar Ray Leonard transformed Tommy from a homerun slugger into a singles hitter?

Sutherland went for broke in the 10th. He knew he was behind and figured he might as well give it his best shot. He succeeded in connecting with three solid rights to the head, forcing Hearns to grab. Then it was Tommy's turn. He flashed over a big right to the chin that stunned Murray and turned the tide back in the Hitman's favor. The final bell sounded with Sutherland still under pressure.

The fight earned a nice round of applause from those gathered inside the circus tent erected by Caesars. The decision, however, was not so popular. Although the 10-0 (Paul Cavaliere), 9-1 (Richard F. Murry), and 7-2-1 (Frank Brunette) scores were not read, the announcement of the

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The Ring International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Michael Dokes*** ..... Akron, Ohio
2 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
4 **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
5 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Renaldo Snipes** ..... Yonkers, N.Y.
8 **James Tillis** ..... Chicago, Ill.
9 **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10 **Gerry Cooney** ..... Huntington, N.Y.

11. David Bey, 12. (Tie) S. T. Gordon, Trevor Berbick, 14. (Tie) Randall Cobb, Marvis Frazier, 16. James Broad, 17. Jeff Sims, 18. Frank Bruno, 19. Eddie Lopez, 20. Scott Frank

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
8 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
9 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Jose M. Flores** ..... Uruguay

11. Ossie Ocasio, 12. Willie Edwards, 13. Richard Caramanolis, 15. Saad Muhammad, 16. Larry Lane, 17. Richie Kates, 18. Yaqui Lopez, 19. (Tie) Vonzell Johnson, Anthony Davis

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
3 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **Wilford Scypion** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Cal.
9 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
10. **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.

11. Bobby Czyz, 12. Bernard Mays, 13. Vinnie Curto, 14. (Tie) Mark Holmes, Murray Sutherland, 16. Juan D. Roldan, 17. (Tie) John Collins, Mark Holmes, Robbie Sims

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
2 **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
3 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Davey Moore** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Carlos Herrera** ..... Argentina
6 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
7 **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
8 **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
9 **Herol Graham** ..... England
10 **Gary Guiden** ..... Muncie, Ind.

11. Carlos Santos, 12. Kirkland Laing, 13. Buster Drayton, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Francisco DeJesus, 16. Sean Mannion, 17. Tadashi Mihara, 18. Bushy Bester

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
5 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
8 **Kevin Howard** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Mauricio Bravo** ..... Venezuela
10 **Bobby Joe Young** ..... Steubenville, O.

11. Pete Ranzany, 12. Milton Guest, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Jun-Sok Hwang, 15. Alfredo Lucero, 16. Carlos Trujillo, 17. Tommy Ayers

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
2 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
3 **Bruce Curry**** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4 **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
5 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
6 **Steve Hearon** ..... Houston, Texas
7 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
8 **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
9 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
10 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy

11. Felix Reyes, 12. Clint McKenzie, 13. Hugo Hernandez, 14. Hidekazu Akai, 15. Mario Cusson, 16. Guillermo Fernandez, 17. Willie Rodriguez, 18. Reyes Cruz, 19. Alfredo Escalera, 20. Antonio Cervantes

How The Ring International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all six major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under The Ring's champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

Ratings as of July 25, 1983

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
5 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
6 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
7 **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Texas
9 **Ken Bogner** ..... Trenton, N.J.
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Melvin Paul, 12. Greg Coverson, 13. Andy Ganigan, 14. Tony Baltazar, 15. Alvin Hayes, 16. Tyrone Crawley, 17. Nick Furlano, 18. John Montes, 19. Sergio Medina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROGER MAYWEATHER* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Bobby Chacon**** ..... Oroville, Calif.
2 **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
4 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** ..... Mexico
6 **Jorge Alvarado** ..... Panama
7 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Panama
8 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
9 **Chung Il-Choi** ..... Korea
10 **Ruben Munoz** ..... Dallas, Texas

11. Il-Bok Lee, 12. Tae-Jin Moon, 13. Oscar Arnal, 14. Carlos Pinango, 15. Edgar Castro, 16. (Tie) Benedicto Villablanca, Refugio Rojas 18. Yoshimitsu Azato, 19. Roberto Castanon

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Hwan Kil Yuh, 12. Richard Savage, 13. Irving Mitchell, 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Angel Mayor 16. Steve Cruz 17. Loris Stecca 18. (Tie) Reyes Gonzales, Augustin Martinez, Rocky Garcia, Barry McGuigan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
TITLE VACANT

1 **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
3 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
7 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
10 **Felix Rodriguez** ..... Panama

11. Sergio Palma, 12. Carmelo Negron, 13. Oscar Muniz, 14. Jairo Anton, 15. Bernardo Pinango, 16. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 17. (Tie) Lenny Valdez, Julian Solis, Chul Kwon

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
2 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
6 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
7 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea
8 **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dom. Rep.
9 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10 **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas

11. Kiko Bejines, 12. Richard Sandoval, 13. James Pipps, 14. Paul Ferreri, 15, Eijiro Murata, Seung-Hoon Lee, 17. Daniel Zaragoza, 18. Neptali Alamag, 19. Jorge Ramirez

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHARLIE MAGRI** ..... England
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
4 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
6 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
7 **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
8 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
9 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
10 **German Torres** ..... Mexico

11. Juan Herrera, 12. Frank Cedeno, 13. Hi-Sup Shin, 14. Juan Diaz, Reinaldo Becerra, 16. Hwan-Jin Kim, 17. Amado Ursua, 18. Tadashi Tomori, 19. Candido Tellez, 20. (Tie) Adrian Roman, Keith Wallace, Guty Espadas

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unanimous verdict was enough to prompt a chorus of boos. In all fairness, Hearns' persistent jabbing, if not altogether effective, had carried the fight. He deserved to win, but it was no shutout.

"I don't want to take anything from Tommy Hearns," said Sutherland. "He won the fight in my eyes. But he won it by running and sticking."

We couldn't agree more.

In the top prelim, scheduled for 10, Bobby Joe Young, 146 1/2, Forrest Hills, N.Y., rallied from behind to score a TKO over previously undefeated Darrell Chambers, 146 1/2, Detroit, at 2:02 of the ninth. Young, coming off a disappointing loss to Nino La Rocca in Italy, was falling way behind when he nailed Chambers with a searing right to the chin. Darrell went down, took an eight-count, and we rescued after several more rights took his legs. The win lifted Young's record to 20-3 (17 kayoes), while Chambers dropped to 16-1 (13 kayoes).

Donald Bowers, 157, Detroit, TKO'd Robert Jackson, 156 3/4, Hampton, Virginia 1:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Lindell Holmes, 160 1/4, TKO'd Alonzo Cutchin, 159, Charlottesville, Virginia, at the end of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Tyrone Trice, 140 1/4, Milwaukee, kayoed Manuel Trivio, Patterson, N.J., in 3:01 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Lefty Larry Highsmith, 124 1/2, Trenton, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Dave Murden, 126, Summerville, S.C., four.

Vinnie Pazienza, 136 1/2, Cranston, R.I., TKO'd Pat Dangerfield, 135, Summerville, S.C., four.

The main event was televised live over NBC's Sports World.

Larry Hazzard refereed Hearns-Sutherland, Young-Chambers, Trice-Trivio, and Highsmith-Murden, while Frank Cappuccino handled Bowers-Jackson, Holmes-Cutchin, and Pazienza-Dangerfield.

Promoters - Gold Circle Productions and Main Event Productions.
(07-10-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

CURRY-AKAI
WBC Junior Welterweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—BRUCE CURRY, 138¼, disposed of Japanese challenger Hidekazu Akai, 139¾, with a barrage of punches in 1:11 of the seventh frame in a scheduled 12-round title bout. It was Curry's first defense of the WBC super lightweight (junior welterweight) crown he had won from Leroy Haley on May 18.

Akai started well, but Curry's greater experience came through as the fight progressed.

The first round saw the challenger attack Curry with lefts and rights thrown at long range. Curry looked a bit bewildered, but managed to avoid most of the punches. An accidental butt opened a cut on Akai's eyebrow in the closing seconds of the session.

Akai continued his attack in round two, but the crouching champ made him continually miss. It was in this round that Bruce started throwing heavy jabs and hooks.

The third and fourth rounds went to Curry, who continued tossing accurate left jabs and hooks at the gutty challenger. Akai made good use of footwork to avoid some of the punches, and showed some skill in slipping others.

Akai went for Curry's body in the fifth round, and a right hand followed by a left hook put the champ on the seat of his trunks. "Knockdown," shouted Akai's corner, but the referee ruled it was a slip and didn't count.

The sixth frame was Akai's best. He furiously bored in and connected with incessant lefts and rights to Curry's face. Bruce was forced to retreat, and spent most of the first two minutes pinned against the ropes. Curry, however, came back hard with solid rights, and had Akai staggering in the final minute. It was almost an even round, but Akai obviously had shot his bolt.

The champ attacked at the start of round seven, and caught Akai with a series of punches to the face. Akai lost his balance and went down near a neutral corner. Referee Octavio Meyran counted, and the challenger was up at nine. They mixed it up again, going at it toe-to-toe in the center of the ring with their best punches.

Curry's punches were more powerful at this point, and a short right-left hook combo knocked Akai flat. The referee stopped the bout at that point, but it was actually a knockout. Hidekazu remained on the canvas for several minutes.

Scoring after six: Dick Cole (U.S.) and Jose Guerra (Mexico), 65-55 and 59-57, respectively, for Curry; Nobumitsu Inukai (Japan), 60-57, Akai.

"Akai was a strong boy," the champ later said, "but he lacked enough experience to beat me. A rematch with Akai? O.K., if you can pay well again."

Japanese promoter Takao Kambayashi had to pay $250,000 to Don King in order to stage this WBC title bout in Japan. Curry was reportedly given $10,000 of that money.

Lanky lefty Koji Kobayashi, 113¼, halted Lord Mitsuru, 112¼, at 2:50 of the seventh round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Koji, the WBC's ninth ranked junior bantam, is now 20-1 with 14 kayoes. (His sole loss was a first round stoppage at the hands of current WBA junior bantamweight king Jiro Watanabe.)

Teruyuki Shimada, 121, polished off Kaoru Yoshioka, 121½, in 2:45 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Yasumasa Kawade, 111¼, TKO'd Hiranobu Tokuchi, also 114¼, at 2:30 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Tokuchi's profuse bleeding forced the ref to call a halt.

Tomoharu Ogawa, 134½, outscored Takemitsu Tanaka, also 134½, in the four-round opener.

Site—Kinki University Memorial Auditorium.
Attendance—12,000 (estimated).
WBC witness—Sig Rogich.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Hiroshi Suzuki.
Kambayashi's God Promotions.
Telecast by the Asahi Broadcasting Company of Osaka.
(07-07-83)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

FLETCHER-RAMSEY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—FRANK (The Animal) Fletcher is back and almost everybody, except opponent Curtis (Razor) Ramsey, or course, is glad. Fletcher, making his first start is almost five months, tore into Ramsey in his familiar fashion, forcing the well-travelled veteran to quit 1:14 into the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

When Fletcher fell idle following his points loss to Wilford Scypion, it left a void in the A.C. fight scene. Nobody provides rip-snorting, do-or-die brawling quite like the Animal. His return was a welcome relief from the parade of passive encounters that had become the norm in his absence. When Fletcher fights, nobody goes to the washroom before it's over.

Ramsey, 160, was the perfect foil for Frank's comeback. He usually puts up a good effort and usually loses. This outing was no different. Curtis gave it his best early and then wilted under the Animal's relentless pressure.

Fletcher, also 160, was even more anxious to get down to business than usual. He rushed straight into Ramsey the first two rounds and received a number of stinging counters as he charged. As is normally the case when he fights, Frank was cut. This time, he was sliced over the left eye in the second.

After a savage to-to-toe punchout in the third, Fletcher finally heeded his corner's advice and moved to the right (away from Curtis' right) and used his soutpaw jab. This tactic prevented him from running into too many punches and was also the beginning fo the end for Ramsey.

A couple of hard digs to the tummy started a big flurry by Fletcher in the fourth. Ramsey looked about ready to go when Frank brought a right uppercut up from his shoe tops, missed by a mile, and fell flat on his butt.

"If it had landed, I wouldn't have been down there," laughed Fletcher after the fight. "He'd have been down there."

The brief delay while Fletcher scrambled to his feet allowed Ramsey enough time to clear his head and delay the inevitable a few more rounds.

From the fifth on, Ramsey absorbed a nasty beating. Fletcher stayed right on top of him, hooking repeatedly to both the head and body. The Razor had lost his edge and was now fighting strictly to survive.

The fight had turned into a rout by the eighth. Ramsey just couldn't stand the heat any more. He turned away from his tormentor and dropped to one knee shortly after sampling several brutal shots to the body. Referee Vincent Rainone gave him an eight-count and then waved Fletcher back in. A few moments later, Curtis sank down again. This time, Rainone accepted his gesture of surrender and awarded Fletcher a TKO.

"He hit me with some good body shots and I'm not embarrassed to go down. There ain't no reason for me to stand up there getting hit more," explained Ramsey. "There wasn't no fake about it. I tried to stay up, but I couldn't."

"He quit. I was on him like an overcoat. He needed a breather," was the way Fletcher saw it.

Next stop for Fletcher will be

against Juan Domingo Roldan, the WBA's number one contender. This is scheduled to be part of the Hagler-Duran card. If the Animal can make Roldan Roldover, he should get a crack at the winner.

more than he had bargained for, and Juan had to be content with a split decision.

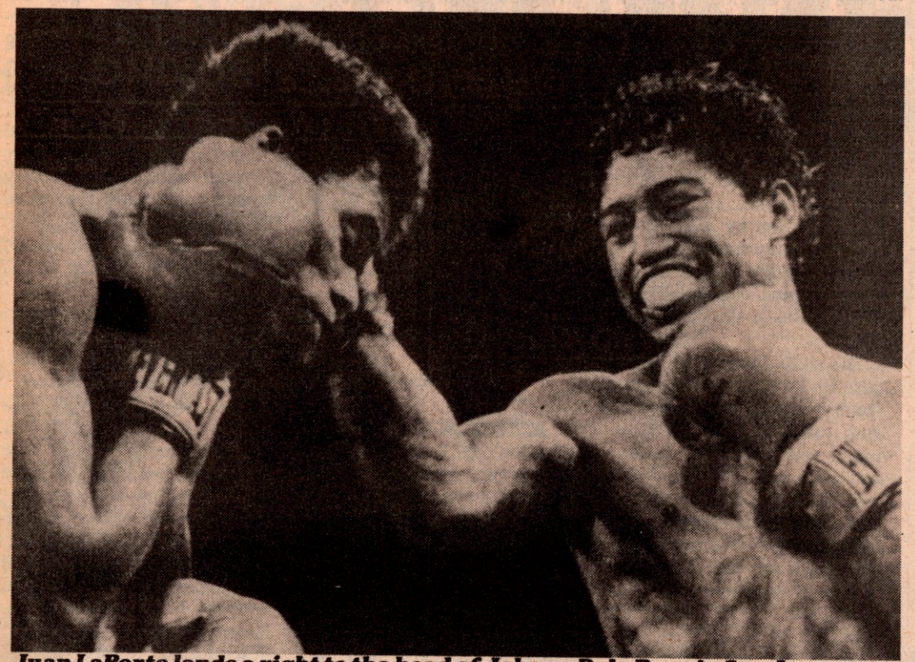
De La Rosa may have thrown more blows, and would probably have won had this been an amateur bout. But this was the pros, and LaPorte had been the man throwing the heavy leather. "I was trying to put him away with one blow," said LaPorte after the fight. And that seemed to be the pattern.

The first round saw LaPorte land a resounding left hook at the one minute mark and a solid right hook at 2:00. Juan, however, did not follow up these advantages, and De La Rosa jabbed, maintaining his distance.

LaPorte continued to be the aggressor in the second round, but De La Rosa worked a good combination to the body. He peppered Juan with his jab in the next two frames, and the action see-sawed for the rest of the fight. LaPorte bided his time in an attempt to end it all with one big punch, but the Dominican did not give him the needed opportunity.

Scoring was as follows: Harry Gibbs, 115-114, LaPorte; James Jen Kim, 116-113, De La Rosa; John Coyle, 116-111; LaPorte. in only six rounds were the judges in accord.

One thing that stood out in this fight was LaPorte's lack of stamina. He seemed to run out of gas on occasion, and you just can't do that against a relentless tormentor like Wilfredo Gomez. Juan's condition will have to be 100% before he steps in with Wilfredo. It was only 90% against Johnny De La Rosa. MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



Juan LaPorte lands a right to the head of Johnny Dela Rosa in San Juan.

Wilfred Benitez muggs as Mustafa Hamsho misses with a right in the course of their 12-round bout in Las Vegas on July 16. Wilfred spent most of the bout like that—lazing in a corner, shifting to avoid as much punishment as he could—while Hamsho piled up the points. The result was a unanimous decision for the Syrian middleweight, who became only the third man to defeat the talented Benitez. (Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns were the first two.)

Anthony (Two Gun) Fletcher, 136, did even better than his big brother. He blasted out Luis Urraca, 137, Santo Domingo, with three knockdowns in the openinig round of their scheduled 10. It was all over in just 2:42. Anthony is now undefeated in 15 pro bouts with five knockouts. Referee, Zack Clayton.

James (Buster) Douglas, 240 1/4, Columbus, Ohio, scored an unpopular majority decision over Dave (Bigfoot) Johnson, 237, Seat Pleasant, Md., 10. Referee, Clayton.

Tom McGuire, 188 1/2, Phila., TKO'd Linsay Page, 193, Phila., at 2:50 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee, Clayton.

Vernon James, 148, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Ken Jackson, 146 Phila., four. Referee, Raione.

Arthur Baylis, 161 1/4, Phila., TKO'd Jamal Johnson, 166, Phila., at 1:55 of the first round in a scheduled four. Johnson was decked three times. Referee, Rainone.

The card was televised live over the PRISM cable.

Judges - John Stewart, Tommy Kaczmarek, Milo Savage.

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(07-05-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

LA PORTE-DE LA ROSA
WBC Featherweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—ON PAPER, IT looked like an easy win for Juan LaPorte. But when it was over, LaPorte knew he had been in a fight. Dominican Johnny De La Rosa gave him

Angel Hernandez, 135, Puerto Rico, TKO'd southpaw Jose Renta, 137, Puerto Rico, at 1:20 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Hernandez is now 15-0-2.

Milton Guest, 148, Yonkers, New York, TKO'd Mao De La Rosa, 149, Dominican Republic, at 2:49 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Guest is now 15-1 with 13 kayoes.

Felis Reyes, 139, Dominican Republic, showed that he belongs with the world's top 140-pounders by stopping previously undefeated Alex Byrd, 135, Detroit, in the fifth round of another scheduled 10. Byrd was down in round thre, and then caved in from a left-right combo in the fifth. Reyes is now 11-5. Byrd is 15-1.

Julian Jackson, 153½, St. Thomas, beat David Plouden, 154½, Florence, S.C., in their scheduled 10. Jackson is now 14-0. Plouden is 11-6.

Esteban Pizarro, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Ramon Diaz, Dominican Republic, eight, middeleweights. Pizarro is now 9-0. Diaz is 8-1.

Wiliam Ramos, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Juan Bisono, Dominican Republic, six, bantams.

Carlos Morales, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Arroyo, Puerto Rico, four, junior featherweights.
Site—Roberto Clemente Coliseum. (06-25-83)
Don King Productions.

WATANABE-RAMIREZ
WBC Junior Bantamweight Title

SENDAI JAPAN—SOUTHPAW, JIRO Watanabe, 114¾, Japan, floored Mexican challenger Roberto Ramirez, 114, four times en route to a 15-round majority decision at Miyagi Prefectural Gymnasium. Watanabe thus successfully defended his WBA junior bantamweight title for the fourth time since dethroning Rafael Pedroza on April 6, 1982.

The scoring was as follows: referee Martin Denkin (U.S.), 141-141; judge Carol Polis (U.S.), 143-140; judge Antonio Requin (Venezuela), 143-141. The crowd was surprised by the referee's draw verdict, but the fact is that Ramirez gave the champ his toughest fight.

Severe economic conditions in Mexico had led Ramirez to emigrate to Japan and place himself under the sponsorship of the Sendai Club. Roberto then had three bouts in the Orient, winning two and losing to former WBA flyweight champ Tae-Shik Kim on September 15 of last year. Ramirez is crude, in a way, and wasn't expected to give Watanabe many problems.

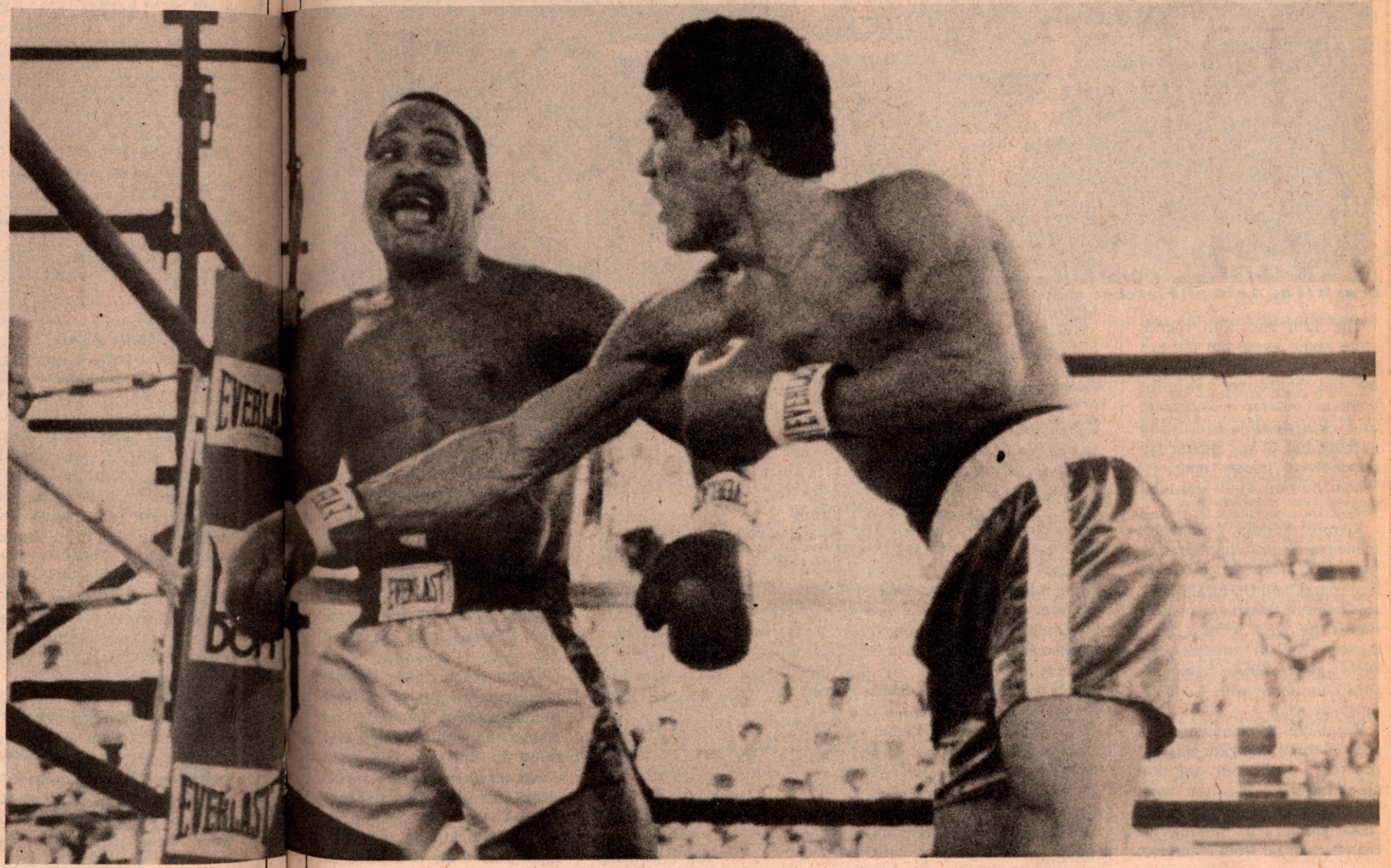
That's certainly how it looked in the first round, as the champ floored Ramirez with his first combination—20 seconds after the opening bell. About a minute later, Jiro floored his man again—this time with a solid right hook to the jaw. With more than half the round remaining, Watanabe tried to put the challenger down again for an automatic knockout, and a light left caused Ramirez to stagger and touch the canvas with his left glove. But the referee did not call it a knockdown.

Ramirez lasted out the round, but Watanabe floored him again in the fourth frame with a three-punch combination. Roberto won the fifth and sixth rounds, with Jiro coming back from his breather to take the seventh.

Short punches to the face decked the challenger again in the ninth canto, but the game Ramirez just got up and fought back even harder. Watanabe seemed bewildered by the challenger's toughness and fighting spirit.

A collision of heads in the 10th round opened up a wide and deep cut under Watanabe's right eyebrow. Ramirez then took heart and swarmed over the champ with whirlwind attacks. It was Roberto's round.

The Mexican kept up his aggression in the 11th round, with Watanbe trying to keep at long range. This was Ramirez's round by a slight margin.



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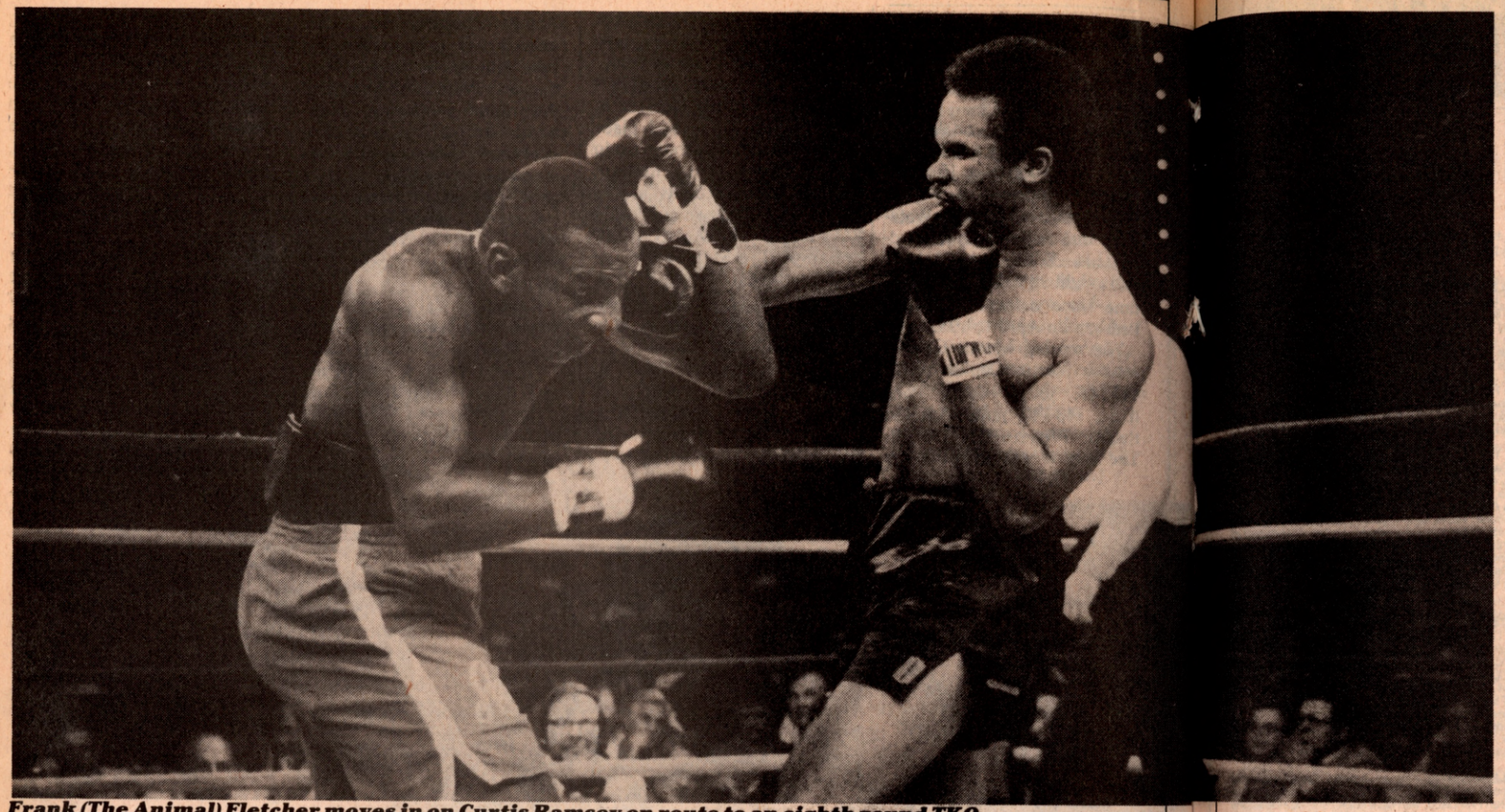

Frank (The Animal) Fletcher moves in on Curtis Ramsey on route to an eighth round TKO.

The 12th and 13th rounds were about even, but the last two frames were dominated by the challenger. Ramirez went all out for a knockout, and Watanabe managed nothing but a few ineffective punches at close quarters. Watanabe won, but it was total war.

Kiyoshi Yoshii, Watanabe's manager, insisted that Ramirez had been down thrice in the first round, and Dr. Efrain Martiz Chanis, a Panamanian serving as the WBA witness, concurred. "I will present my report to the WBA Championship Committee with a videotape," he said.

Watanabe also thought he'd scored three knockdowns in the first round, but did not seem bitter. "I was too anxious," he said, adding that he'd "learned more in fighting 15 rounds than he would learn in scoring a first-round knockout.

Ramirez said he had "no complaints with the decision." His amazing stamina won the admiration of the crowd.

Watanabe is now scheduled to defend against Korean southpaw Soon-Chon Kwon, the OPBF junior bantamweight champion, in Osaka early in October. Kwon was on hand for this bout.

Jiro Watanabe, Japan's most popular active fighter, is now 19-1 with 13 kayoes. Ramirez is 27-5-1 with 19 knockouts.

It had been, very simply, a good fight.

WATANABE-RAMIREZ SCORECARDS

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Referee Martin Denkin																
RAMIREZ	7	9	10	8	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	9	10	10	141
WATANABE	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	10	9	9	10	10	9	8	141
Judge Carol Polis																
RAMIREZ	8	9	10	8	10	10	9	10	8	10	10	9	9	10	10	140
WATANABE	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	10	9	10	10	10	9	9	143
Judge Antonio Requin																
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WATANABE	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	9	10	9	9	9	10	9	9	143

Junichi Misawa, 132¼, outscored Shogo Tabata, 130¾, eight.

Fumio Ozaki, 124¾, won a close decision over Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 125¾, eight. Roberto is a younger brother of former WBC junior lightweight champion Ricardo.

Masaru Matsumoto, 126¼, outpointed Masami Fuji, 127¾, four.

Tetsuya Muraoka, 110¼, outscored Hideaki Nishikawa, 111¾, in the opener.

Promoter—Takashi Chiba's Sendai Enterprises.

Nationally telecast by Nippon TV (with the aid of its subsidiary, Miyagi TV).

Attendance—10,000.

(06-23-83)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

CHANG-IWA
WBC Light Flyweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA—HARD PUNCHing Jung-Koo Chang, 108, retained his WBC junior flyweight crown by stopping Japanese challenger Masaharu (Inami) Iha, 107¾, at 0:58 of the second round in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Kyungbuk Gymnasium. It was Chang's first defense of the title he had won by halting Panama's Hilario Zapata on March 26.

Chang came out like he meant business in the first round, battering Iha's body and connecting with solid lefts and rights to the face. Iha went down for a mandatory eight-count, and Chang went at him again. The former Japanese national champion hit the deck again before the bell came to his rescue.

The champ went out for the second frame to finish what he'd started. A series of punches to the midsection and face floored Iha for the third time, and a follow-up onslaught put him down again. Referee Martin Denkin stepped in at that point.

It was pure murder.

Iha had been expected to last longer than he did because of his exceptional speed. The champ's furious body blows, however, took his legs away.

Chang, a baby faced brawler, is now 22-1 with 11 kayoes. Iha, five years his senior at 25, is 19-3-1 with four knockouts.

The champ received a purse of $50,000. Iha got $10,000. Chang is due to meet the WBC's top contender, German Torres of Mexico, in his next defense.

Sang-Moon Lee, 116¾, outpointed Yung-Kil Choi, 116¼, 10.

Pan-Jung Lee, 131¼, outscored Bong-Chun Park, also 131¼, six.

Yong-Chae Kim, 110, outpointed Young-Ho Joo, also 110, six.

Four-rounders: Ki-Young Joung, 125¾, and Hi-Young Kim, 126½, drew. Sung-Man Cho, 121½, outpointed Ei-Jung Lee, 120. Sam-Hak Ahn, 113, halted Byung-Jin Cho, 113¾, at 2:50 of the third round. Suk-Won Park, 110, outscored Tae-Huan Chung, 109¾. Sung-Kyu Bae, 116½, outpointed Jung-Soo Hwang, 116¾. Myung-Chul Choi, 118, outscored Kyung-Cho Choi, 117½, in the opener.

Co-promoted by former WBC super bantamweight champion Dong-Kyun Yum's Dongkyun Promotions and Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

Attendance—7,000.

Nationally telecast by KBS.

(06-11-83)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

MALVARES-PALMA

BUENOS AIRES, ARG.—IN ONE OF 1983's biggest upsets, former WBA junior featherweight champion Sergio Victor Palma was knocked out in the sixth round by South American featherweight champion Juan Domingo Malvares.

Palma had returned to action in April after losing his title to Leo Cruz, and outpointed Fernando Sosa in an excellent performance. In May, he looked extremely poor while halting Esteban Bustos, and was booed by the crowd.

Malvares didn't fight his usual outside war in this one. Forgetting Palma had held the world crown, he attacked all the way and won every round, knocking Sergio down in the third frame and decking him for good in the sixth session.

Malvares, who had been thinking of retiring, is now 70-13-12 with 42 kayoes. Palma, who may continue his career in Italy, is 50-5-4.

(06-04-83)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

CHANDLER-CORTEZ

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—BORED BY the bantamweights, Jeff Chandler ventured into the super bantamweight division for the first time, scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over veteran Hector Cortez.

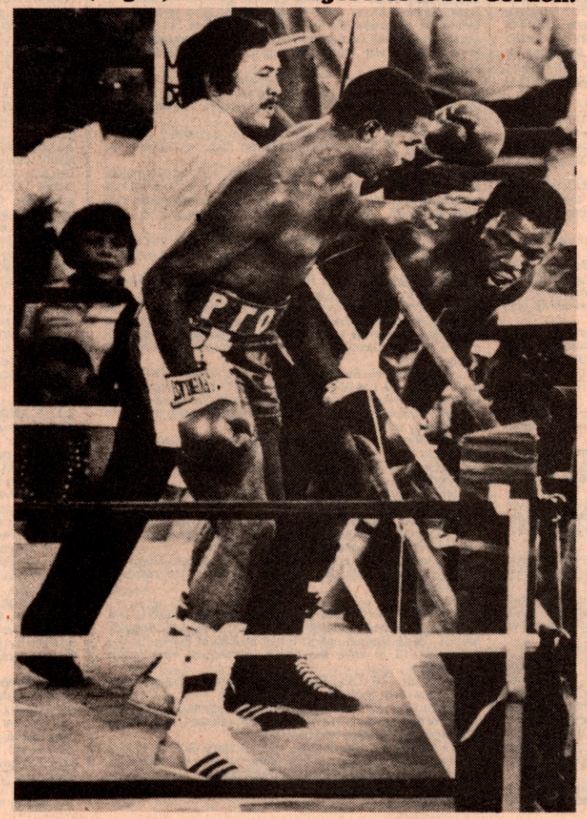
Even though Jeff knocked Cortez down in the opening moments of the bout and then again in the second and seventh, it was never easy. The crafty Cortez has been around the block a few times and he led Chandler a merry chase, slipping and sliding out of more predicaments than a greased pig at a country fair.

"This wasn't it," said Chandler. "I'm going to need another fight to get adjusted to the super bantamweight division. I have to get used to throwing my weight behind the punches. Walking around with the weight felt comfortable. I felt strong. But I didn't feel it in my punches."

Facing a opponent taller than himself for the first time in his career, Chandler dropped Cortez with the first right hand he threw. The punch caught Hector moving in and he went down like a man who had stepped in a hole. Cortez scrambled up and immediately jumped on his bicycle. He remained in reverse gear for most of the match, fighting a spoiling, defensive battle that enabled him to last the distance against his harder hitting antagonist.

Chandler, 121¾, stalked Cortez, 121½ throughout, but experienced problems tagging him with more than one shot at a time.

Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon avenges loss to S.T. Gordon.



In the scheduled 10-round semi final, undefeated Earl Hargrove, 155, Philadelphia, kept his streak alive with the TKO over Don King, 156, Indianapolis, at 2:48 of the ninth. This was an uncompromising war from the sound of the first bell until referee Vincent Rainone terminated the brawl with King practically out on his feet. Hargrove dropped King with a flurry of rights in the first, but Don bravely battled back and matched Earl punch-for-punch, cutting the Philadelphian over both eyes before it was over.

The hard-fought victory raised Hargrove's record to 22-0 with 22 kayoes. King dropped to 13-3-1 with 10 kayoes.

Jerome Coffee, 118 1/2, Nashville, also continued unbeaten, but his unanimous10-round decision over James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 118 3/4, Portland, Oregon, was as dull as the Hargrove-King match was exciting. ZZZZ!

In another 10, Anthony Fletcher, 134 3/4, Phila., survived a fifth round knockdown to score a unanimous decision over underrated Fred Pendleton, 135, Philadelphia.

Lefty Troy Fletcher, 119 3/4, Phila., (brother of Anthony and Frank) looked lucky to escape with a four-round draw against Doug (The Duke) Pettiford, 121 1/2, Wilmington, Delaware.

Tom McGuire, 192, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Pete Harris, 188 1/2, Lynchburg, VA., four.

The main event and Hargrove-King were televised live by NBC-TV from the Copa Room of the Sands Hotel Casino.

Joe Cortez refereed Chandler-Cortez and Pettiford-T. Fletcher, Rainone handled the rest of the matches.

Judges - Frank Brunette, Harold Lederman, Richard F. Murry.

Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

(05-22-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—Oscar Bejines, 128, quite possibly the most talented of three boxing brothers from Guadalajara, Mexico, knocked out Bobby Castillo, 128, Phoenix, in 2:15 of the second in a scheduled 10. Bejines (24-1-2) wobbled Castillo with a right uppercut, then knocked him through the ropes for nine near the end of the first. Referee John Thomas didn't bother to count after Castillo went down face first from a combination in the second.

Rocky Garcia, 128¾, Placentia, snapped a four fight losing streak, unanimously outpointing aggressive Agustin Macias, 126, Guadalajara, 10. Garcia (24-4), a bit rusty after a six-month layoff, clinched the verdict by convincingly winning the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 97-95; judge Dick Young, 97-93; judge Thomas, 98-92.

Jorge Ramirez, 126, Los Angeles, kayoed previously unbeaten Sammy Espinosa, 124, Santa Paula, in 0:45 of the first in a scheduled six, referee Delgado intervening after Espinosa had been down.

Mike Evans, 229, Santa Ana, unanimously outpointed fellow debutant Denorvell Collier, 203, Los Angeles, four.

Down twice and nearly out in the first, John Baltierra, 158, Bakersfield, was kayoed by Matthew Lewis, 161, Los Angeles, in just 0:13 of the second in a scheduled four. Floored by a right seconds into the second, Baltierra hit his head on the canvas and was unconscious for several minutes. (06-02-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Richard Varela, 121, North Hollywood, successfully defended his California super bantamweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over fellow southpaw Hugo Perez, 121, San Diego. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 119-110; judge Larry Rozadilla, 119-110; judge Rudy Jordan, 117-112.

James Sowell, 130, Los Angeles, stopped Danny Savala, 130, Sacramento, when Savalo, out of shape and taking a beating, quit at 2:49 of the fourth in a scheduled six.

Ernest Lee Curtis (5-1), 141, Los Angeles, stopped Joey Rodriguez, 140, Santa Monica, at 2:49 of the third in a scheduled five, referee Rozadilla intervening to save the outclassed Rodriguez from further punishment.

Marcos Jacobo (1-2), 154, Los Angeles, avenged a previous majority points defeat by unanimously outpointing William Davidson (1-1), 157, Santa Monica, five. Scoring: referee Jordan, 49-47; Rozadilla, 50-46; Connolly, 49-48.

Mike Randle (2-0), 172, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Ron Richardson, 178, Los Angeles, five. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 50-44; Jordan, 49-46; Connolly, 50-45.

Miguel Pantoja (3-0), 118, Sacramento, unanimously outscored Don Lopez (2-1), 120, San Diego, four. Lopez was down twice and nearly out in the second but came on strong in the final two rounds.
(06-03-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—Behind on points after seven give-and-take rounds, Tomas Perez, 148½, Santa Ana, rallied to sensationally kayo highly rated Mexican welterweight Jorge Vaca, 149½, Guadalajara, in 0:39 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. The 23-year-old Perez (11-0, six knockouts), making his main event debut, stunned Vaca with a right, then flattened the pre-fight favorite with a left-right to the chin. Scoring after seven: referee Chuck Hassett, 67-67; Dick Young, 68-65, Vaca; Eddie Fierro, 68-64, Vaca.

Ramon Almaguer, 130½, Chino, didn't lose a round outpointing Leo Simmons, 126¼, Orange, over six action packed rounds. Simmons (3-1), game and willing, was cut over both eyes and bled from the mouth. Almaguer is now 3-3-3.

Henry Drummond, 148, Hawthorne, unanimously outpointed L.J. Canty, 150, San Diego, six. Scoring: referee Young, 59-55; Hassett, 59-56; Fierro, 59-58.

Denorville Collier, 203, Los Angeles, stopped debuting Tom Sturdivant, 230, Oceanside, at 0:49 of the fourth and final round. Collier is now 1-1.

Joe Olivera, 132½, Pasadena, halted Memo Diaz, 135, Los Angeles, at 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled four, referee Young intervening after Diaz had been down twice.
(06-09-83)

▲SAN BERNARDINO—Arena—Dominican Pedro Montero, 130, Santa Ana, kayoed Carlos Bryant, 131, Pomona, in 1:51 of the third round in a scheduled 10, referee Larry Rozadilla intervening after Bryant had been down twice. Bryant had won three straight bouts by knockout at this venue.

Ernest Lee Curtis, 142, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Miguel Juarez, 141, Pomona, six. Curtis (6-1) fought defensively after injuring his left hand in the first round. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 59-57; judge Robert Byrd, 59-56; judge Rozadilla, 59-57.

Unbeaten local favorite Luis Hernandez, 122, Redlands, won his second as a pro, knocking out Manuel Cruz, 121, Los Angeles, with a right to the body in 1:20 of the first round in a scheduled four.

James Wimberly, 148, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Miguel Murillo, 149, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round. Murillo, inactive for several years, was floored in the second.
(06-10-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Coins were thrown in by enthusiastic fans after Oscar Muniz, 121, Whittier, unanimously outpointed Ruben Solorio, 121, Los Angeles, 10. Boxer-puncher Muniz (36-3-3), *The Ring's* third ranked bantamweight, dominated the fight with combinations, but the count never discouraged the rugged Solorio, who has now lost twice in three meetings with Muniz. Scoring: Lou Filippo, 98-92; John Thomas, 99-91.

John Michael Roy, 155, Pasadena, kayoed previously unbeaten Alvin Prouder, 154, Santa Monica, in 0:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Prouder was staggered in nearly every round.

Richie Fowler, 133, Albuquerque, won a majority decision (57-57, 58-57, 59-55) over Martin Galvan, 132, Santa Paula, six, confirming a previous victory.

Unbeaten Derreck Kelly, 148, Los Angeles, kayoed overmatched Greg Starks, 145½, Los Angeles, in 1:08 of the second in a scheduled four. Joe Cruz, 127¾, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed (39-37, 39-37, 38-37) Alonzo Hidalgo, 127½, Los Angeles, four.

Danny Venegas, 143, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed debuting Al McGee, 144, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round.
(06-10-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Hyatt Regency Ballroom—West African and Ghanan LH Champion Prince Mohammed, 175, Los Angeles, TKO'd Rocky Lee Burkey, 175, Carson City, who was retired at the end of seven one-sided rounds by his corner. The scheduled 10-rounder was the main event of the inaugural promotion of Jean Dancy, wife of former heavyweight contender Marty Monroe.

Unbeaten Connie Swift (10-0-2), 134, Los Angeles, TKO'd Antonio Guido, 129, Los Angeles, referee Pat Connolly stopping the bout at 2:31 of the fifth in a scheduled 10 with Guido cut over the left eye. Guido was down for nine at the bell ending the fourth from a body shot.

Andre Wynn (14-1), 142, Detroit, battered Doug James, 148, Long Beach, into submission at 1:57 of the third in a scheduled six, referee Armando Muniz intervening after James had slumped to the canvas.

Hard punching Matthew Lewis (5-1), 164, Los Angeles, kayoed Freddie Ealom, 164, San Francisco, in 1:38 of the third of a scheduled six, referee Muniz intervening after Ealom had been decked for the fifth time. Ealom took counts of nine and eight in the first, nine in the second, and nine in the third.

Roberto Veta, 154, Los Angeles, kayoed Lorenzo Gonzales, 154, Los Angeles, with a left to the body in 0:35 of the first round in a scheduled four.
(6-14-83)

▲VENTURA—County Fairgrounds—Lupe Aquino (19-1), 148, El Monte, stopped Eduardo Dominguez, 144, Los Angeles, referee Chuck Hassett calling a halt at 2:35 of the fourth in a scheduled 10 to save the game Dominguez from further punishment.

G.C. Smith, 176, Long Beach, unanimously outpointed John Hackleman, 174, Santa Monica, six.

Alvin Brown, 120, Los Angeles, stopped Vicente Cazares, 121, at 1:32 of the first round in a scheduled six, referee Dick Young intervening after Cazares had been floored.

Paul Barton, 141, South Gate, kayoed Stacy Grant, 143, Los Angeles, with a short right in 2:38 of the third of a scheduled six.

Tony Montgomery, 151¾, Long Beach, unanimously outscored Dan Saldino, 157, Santa Paula, six. Saldino was down in the second.

Richard Lira, 123, Los Angeles, kayoed Juan Perales, 127, Los Angeles, with a paralyzing body shot in 1:24 of the second in a scheduled four.
(06-14-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Frankie Baltazar, 137, La Puente, rallied to win a 10-round split decision over Juan Escobar, 137, Tijuana. Baltazar's face was a swollen mess after taking a beating over the first four rounds, but he courageously battled back to win rounds five through eight. Frankie was still behind on points entering the final round, but he floored Escobar with 30 seconds to go to pull out the victory. Scoring: referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 95-94, Baltazar; judge Vince Delgado, 96-94, Baltazar; judge Rudy Jordan, 96-95, Escobar.

Younger brother Tony Baltazar, 139½, La Puente, unanimously outpointed Rocky Montoya, 137, Reynosa, Mexico, 10. Scoring: referee Delgado, 99-91; judge Jen-Kin, 99-91; judge Jordan, 97-94.

Walter Sims, 136, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Joe Olivera, 136, Pasadena, four. Scoring: referee Jordan, 40-37; judge Delgado, 40-37; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37.

Jorge Laguna, 133, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Billy Wiles, 132, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round.

Norman Gabourel, 146½, Los Angeles, halted fellow debutant Ernie Zavala, 145, Oklahoma City, referee Jordan intervening at 1:51 of the fourth and final round to save the very game Zavala from further punishment.

Aggressive Derrick Kelly, 148, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Robert Manous, 144, Oklahoma City, four, not losing a round.
(06-17-83)

▲CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building—Rudy Hernandez, 146½, Los Angeles, remained unbeaten with a 10-round unanimous points win over Leo Cruz, 146, Tijuana. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 98-94; judge Vince Delgado, 98-93; judge Eddie Fierro, 100-92.

James Sowell, 129, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed (78-75, 77-75, 78-75) Everardo Rico, 131, Tijuana, eight.

Ken Baby Brown, 227, Los Angeles, TKO'd Tom Landry, 196, Beaumont, Landry retiring in his corner at the end of the fourth in a scheduled six.

Delgado refereed Sowell-Rico and Brown-Landry.
(06-21-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—Agustin Caballero, 140, North Hollywood, repeatedly rocked outclassed Roman Delgado, 139, San Francisco, with right hooks and combinations before TKO'ing his fellow southpaw at 2:17 of the third in a scheduled 10. Referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the fight due to a bad cut under the left eyebrow of Delgado.

Once beaten southpaw Nicky Wilshire, 157, Bristol, England, halted overmatched Rodolfo Guiterrez, 155, Bell Gardens, referee Rudy Jordan intervening at 2:46 of the first in a scheduled 10 after Gutierrez hqad been floored twice.

Jorge Ramiez, 126½, Los Angeles, wore down Juan Giron, 123, East Los Angeles, with a barrage of body shots, referee Lou Moret stopping the bout at 2:20 of the third in a scheduled six after Giron had been decked for the third time.

J.D. Williams, 138, Vista, unanimously outpointed Danny Ortiz, 139, Simi, six. Scoring: referee Moret, 58-57; judge Rozadilla, 59-56; judge Jordan, 58-57.

Luis Perez, 127, Anaheim, unanimously outpointed Bobby Ortiz, 128, Simi, four, all three officials scoring 40-36.
(06-23-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Behind on points, game Frankie Moultrie, 144¼, Portland, Oregon, was a fortunate TKO winner when aggressive Raymundo (Battling) Torres, Jr., 144½, Reynosa, Mexico, bleeding from a worsening laceration over his left eye, was retired in his corner by Dr. Bernhart Schwartz at the end of the seventh of a scheduled 10. Scoring through seven: referee Lou Filippo, 67-67; judge Lou Moret, 68-65, Torres; judge Dick Young, 68-64, Torres.

Adrian Arreola, 124¾, East Los Angeles, kayoed Lobito Montoya, 126, Reynosa, Mexico, in 2:35 of the first round in scheduled 10, referee Lou Moret not bothering to count after Montoya had been floored for the second time.

Jessie Island, 176¼, San Diego, won a majority decision over Eric Enslin, 175, Albuquerque, six. Scoring: referee Young, 57-57; judge Moret, 58-56; judge Filippo, 58-56.

Jack Fix, 145, Albuquerque, and James Wimberly, 147, Los Angeles, were boxing on level terms when Wimberly was disqualified by referee Young at 2:11 of the fourth in a scheduled five for repeatedly losing his mouthpiece.
(06-24-83)

▲INGLEWOOD—Forum—Stan Ward, 223, Sacramento, successfully defended his California State title and won the Forum heavyweight championship with a 12-round majority decision over popular Henry Hearns, 193, Lancaster. Hearns won some early rounds when Ward posed rather than punched, but Ward, four inches taller and much stronger, floored the defending Forum champ in the first and won going away on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 114-113; judge Robert Byrd, 114-114; judge Armando Muniz, 120-110.

In one of four scheduled 10-round tournament bouts, Kelvin

Lampkins, 133¼, Los Angeles, kayoed Mario Rodriguez, 134, San Antonio, in 2:15 of the first to advance to the Lightweight Semi-finals.

Another elimination round winner in the lightweight division was John Montes, 135, Whittier, who unanimously outpointed durable Joe Perez, 134¾, South Gate. Montes floored the southpaw Perez twice in the first. Scoring: referee Muniz, 100-92; judge Byrd, 99-90; judge Thomas, 98-92.

Jeff McCracken, 160, Las Vegas, earned a spot in the finals of the 160-pound division by winning a 10-round split decision over Jeff Morgan, also, 160, Inglewood. Scoring: referee Muniz, 97-96, McCracken; judge Byrd, 99-92, McCracken; judge Thomas, 97-96, Morgan.

Veteran Henry Walker was the tournament's most unfortunate loser. Walker, 160, Los Angeles, was thumbed by Jeff Stoudemire, 159, Santa Monica, and retired in his corner with double vision at the end of the second in a scheduled 10 round middleweight elimination fight.

Walter Sims, 135, Los Angeles, flattened Ricardo Gomez, 135, Los Angeles, with a right hand in 2:24 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Byrd refereed Lampkins-Rodriguez and Stoudemire-Walker. Thomas handled Sims-Gomez.
(06-26-83)

▲**CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building**—Eddie Lopez, 209, East Los Angeles, easily disposed of Dan Kiser, 192, Houston, knocking Kiser through the ropes and onto the press table in 1:31 of the second in a scheduled 10.

Unbeaten Alfonso Long, 145, Los Angeles, TKO'd Jose Serna, 148, Los Angeles, at 1:22 of the first in a scheduled eight, referee Chuck Hassett intervened to save the outclassed Serna from further punishment.

Unbeaten Sylvester Lee, 203, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed debuting Del Martin, 203, Los Angeles, four. The latter was floored in round three. Scoring: referee Hassett, 38-37; judge Dick Young, 39-36; judge Eddie Fierro, 38-37.

Valdez Hubbard, 140, Los Angeles, won a four-round split decision over debuting Adrian Oviedo, 142, San Diego, Hubbard decked Oviedo in the first, but the correct verdict would have been a draw. Scoring: referee Hassett, 38-37, Hubbard; judge Young, 38-37, Hubbard; judge Fierro, 39-38; Oviedo.

Jorge Lagunas, 134, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Mark Gonzaba, 136, San Diego, four. Scoring: referee Hassett, 39-37; judge Young 40-36; judge Fierro, 39-38.

Young refereed Lopez-Kiser.
(06-28-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Jose Caba, 129, Los Angeles, stopped Jorge Valdez, 127½, Los Angeles, referee Rudy Jordan stopping the bout at 1:36 of the sixth in a scheduled 10. Valdez, down briefly in the second, stunned Caba with right hands that buckled his knees in the first and fourth, but the world ranked Dominican sent Valdez face first to the canvas later in the fourth. A short right finished the tiring Valdez in the sixth.

Roman (Shorty) Almaguer, 128, Chino, won a shutout unanimous decision over aggressive Everardo Rico, 129½, Tijuana, six. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 60-54; judge Larry Rozadilla, 60-54; judge Rudy Jordan, 60-55.

Johnny Gonzalez, 144, Santa Paula, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Damasio Cortez, 143, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 59-55; judge Hassett, 60-54; judge Jordan, 60-55.

Debuting Mike Gutierrez, 151, San Diego, halted 20-fight veteran Rigoberto Lopez, 152½, Hawthorne, referee Hassett intervening at 1:09 of the first in a scheduled four after Lopez had been floored by a right.

Walter Jenkins, 149½, Chino, unanimously outscored fellow debutant Willy Garcia, 147, San Diego, four. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 40-37; judge Jordan, 39-37; judge Hassett, 40-37.
(06-30-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▲**FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Mile Hotel**—Mustafa Hamsho, 165, Brooklyn, knocked out Gil Rosario, 178, Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1:17 of the third round in a scheduled 10. A left to the body and a stiff right to the chin floored Rosario for the full count.

J.T. Thomas, 159, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Mark Allman, 159, Sarasota, at 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Victor Acosta, 138, New York, kayoed Billy Garcia, 135, Puerto Rico, in 2:10 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Robert Gilbert, 122, Miami, outscored George Smitty, 117½, Ft. Myers, four.

Eddie Abel, 184, Hollywood, TKO'd Oscar Torres, 187, Sarasota, at 2:51 of the third round in their scheduled four. Torres claimed he was hit low and refused to continue, so referee Bernie Soto stopped the bout.

Kenny Darin, 166, Miami, outscored Marcus Martinez, 172, Miami, four.

Kevin Whalen, 138, Ft. Lauderdale, won an unpopular decision over Abel Vargas, 137, Homestead, in an action packed four.

Promoter—Buddy Gilbert/K.O. Productions.

Attendance—500. (06-03-83)

UNITED STATES RATINGS/SEPTEMBER

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Greg Page (Kentucky)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. John Tate (Tennessee)
7. James Tillis (Illinois)
8. Gerry Cooney (New York)
9. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
10. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Carlos De Leon (Puerto Rico)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
8. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Larry Lane (N. Carolina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
4. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
5. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. James Kinchen (California)
8. James Green (New Jersey)
9. Alex Ramos (New York)
10. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Mike McCallum (New York)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
7. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
8. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
9. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
10. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
2. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
3. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
4. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
5. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
6. Pete Ranzany (California)
7. Milton Guest (New York)
8. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
9. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
2. Saoul Mamby (New York)
3. Steve Hearon (Texas)
4. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
7. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
8. Robert Rucker (New York)
9. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
10. Gene Hatcher (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
2. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
3. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
4. Robin Blake (Texas)
5. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
6. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
7. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
8. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Tyrone Crawley (Washington, D.C.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Hector Camacho (New York)
2. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Johnny de La Rosa (Florida)
4. Refugio Rojas (California)
5. Louis Burke (New Mexico)
6. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
9. Hector Cortes (California)
10. Tony Santana (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Jose Caba (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Ruben Castillo (California)
7. Johnny de La Rosa (Florida)
8. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
9. Irving Mitchell (California)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Mike Ayala (New York)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. Oscar Muniz (California)
5. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
6. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Lopez (California)
10. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. David Johnson (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Alonso Gonzales (California)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
5. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
6. Henry Brent (New York)
7. Ian Clyde (California)
8. Ramon Perez (Puerto Rico)
9. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
10. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)

▲**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Sugar Rojas, 114½, Colombia, TKO'd popular Steve Whetstone, also 114½, Homestead, Florida, who couldn't come out for the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder for the Florida State junior bantamweight title. Rojas is now 16-0 with 11 kayoes. Whetstone is 30-5-1.

Idabeth Rojas, 126¼, Sugar's older brother, won a split duke over Ruben Herasme, 129, Miami, 10. The elder Rojas is now 13-0.

Wilfredo Padron, 117, Miami, TKO'd Terry Pizaro, 120, Miami, at 2:32 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Billy Youhan, referee.

Gavilan Gozalez, 132, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over David DelaRosa, 127, Mexico, six.

Omar Estrada, 129, Miami, TKO'd Johnny Rodriguez, 134, Miami, at 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Tony Torres, 160, Homestead, and Kenneth Daron, 164½, Miami, drew, four.

Promoter—Tuto Zabala/Tuto Enterprises.

Attendance—1,760.
(06-10-83)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲**HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Center Arena**—Sul Inting, 124¾, Philippines, dropped Bunji Ando, 124½, Japan, with a right hand in the sixth round, and referee Manuel Tolentino stepped in at 1:14 of the session. The scheduled 10 lifted Inting's log to 14-6-2. Ando is 16-8-2.

Derrick Drane, 154¾, Kaneohe, Hawaii, TKO'd Zack Hewitt, 155, San Francisco, at 2:06 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Drane is now 8-0 with seven kayoes. Hewitt is 3-1.

Cuauhtemoc (Butch) Gomez, 132, San Francisco, knocked out James Aglia, Jr., 133, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaiian Islands, in 1:12 of the second round. Gomez, now 6-0, looked impressive. Aglia, 5-1, took the count on one knee.

Larry Benson, 139¾, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over John Delos Reyes, 140½, Honolulu, four. Benson is now 2-1. Delos Reyes was making his pro debut.

George Oshiro, 140½, Honolulu, won a majority duke over Rick Marquez, 140¼, Pearl City, Hawaii, four. Oshiro is now 2-0-1. Marquez is 2-5-1.

Edward Larry, 164½, Honolulu, went to 2-0 by stopping Terence Mousel, 162¾, Maile, Hawaii, at 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled three. Mousel, making his pro debut, was dropped twice before the ref stepped in.

Referees—Manuel Tolentino (2), Herbert Minn (4).

Judges— Louis Race, Glenn Hamada, Tamotsu Tomihara.

Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Ah Chew Goo.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. Herbert Nam, Dr. Robert Maehara.

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Attendance—2,146. Gross—$18,243.84.
(06-15-83)

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▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Sawed-off slugger Carmelo Negron rallied from behind to score a TKO over Kelvin Seabrooks at 2:55 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. It was an exciting bout that saw fortunes change dramatically before Negron's strength and endurance carried the day.

Seabrooks, 121¾, Camden, S.C., got off to a roaring start over the first four rounds. He boxed extremely well, peppering the charging Negron with clean punches to the head. A cup appeared over Negron's left eye in the third and Kelvin took full advantage, zeroing in on the injury with crisp rights. For a while, a cut-eye stoppage looked very likely.

The rugged Negron, 121½, Brooklyn, never gave up. He soaked up his punishment well and kept winging heavy punches in Seabrook's direction. Finally, as the fourth round drew to a close, Carmelo connected with a strong right to the head that shook Seabrooks and changed the course of the fight.

Negron hurt Seabrooks again early in the fifth with another right and proceeded to work him over the entire round, scoring especially well with hooks to the body.

Following more punishment in the sixth, Seabrooks was hurt by a left hook to the body in the seventh and smashed into a corner. Referee Rudy Battle gave Kelvin an eight-count, claiming that the boxer would have fallen if he hadn't been held up by the ropes. After the count, Battle asked Seabrooks if he wanted to go on. He didn't, and that was that. The win lifted Negron to 19-2 (19 kayoes), while Seabrooks fell to 10-5 (eight kayoes).

It was a good thing that the main event was such a lively contest, because the prelims were mediocre at best.

Bruce Williams, 137½, Palmyra, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Kenny Willis, 139, New York, eight. Referee, Joe Bunsa.

Ray Gray, 156½, Cleveland, won a unanimous decision over Lloyd Richardson, 157¾, Buffalo, six. Referee, Tony Orlando.

Rocky Proviano, 159¾, Rankin, Pa., won a split decision over Anibal Perez, 155¾, Camden, N.J., six. Referee, Joe O'Neill.

Reggie Boyer, 156, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Zoilo Carmona, 152¾, Bronx, N.Y., four. Referee, Orlando.

Judges—Milo Savage, Bill Kostrub, Robert Kimbrough.
Elbaum-Menas Productions.
(06-21-83)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Alex Ramos scored a TKO over James Waire at 2:36 of the 10th and final round. It was a good finish to what had been a rather uninspiring performance by Ramos. For much of the bout, he seemed content to merely go through the motions against his light-punching adversary. Waire, a well-used journeyman, had no reply for Ramos' punching power (James has only three knockout wins in 33 pro bouts), but managed to survive as long as he did on guile and guts.

With time running out in the 10th, Ramos, 159, finally threw his attack into high gear, dropping Waire, 160, Los Angeles, with a left hook to the head. Waire beat the count, but referee Tony Perez called a halt when Alex nailed James with a couple more clean shots.

The win lifted Ramos' record to 18-1-1 (11 kayoes), but he failed to impress. Alex seems to have lost the spark that once made him the hottest prospect in the division. These days he looks just another fighter—nothing special.

In a mismatch of a co-feature, also scheduled for 10, Carl (The Truth) Williams, 219¾, White Plains, N.Y., destroyed Dave Jaco, 199½, Bay City, scoring a TKO at the end of the first. Williams is now 11-0 with nine kayoes.

Jaco, a 6-foot-6 stringbean, was credited with a 12-0 (10 kayoes) record, but proved to be a real stiff. Williams, one of the best young heavyweights on the East Coast, almost took Jaco's head off, flooring him with a five-punch combo mid-way into the round. Jaco struggled up, took a few more punches and was wisely rescued by referee Rudy Battle as the round-ending bell sounded. A total farce.

Kevin Kelly, 179, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Arthur Hall, 174¾, Irvington, N.J., four. Referee, Battle.

Gary (The Philly Kid) Roemhild, 160¼, Phila., scored a TKO over Ismael Gonzales, 163, Trenton, N.J., at the end of the third round in a scheduled four. It had been a lively scrap. Referee, Battle.

Vincent Pazienza, 135½, Cranston, R.I., kayoed Keith McCoy, 137, Trenton at 2:21 of the third in a scheduled four. Referee, Perez.

Judges—Harold Lederman, Richard F. Murry, Tommy Kaczmarek.
Promoters—Main Event Productions and Peltz Promotions.
(06-30-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲**NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden**—The Duran-Moore WBA junior middleweight title bout was supported by the following five bouts.

Luis Resto, 156, New York, won a unanimous decision over Billy Collins, also 156, Nashville, Tenn., 10. Tony Perez, referee. This controversial win (see "Round One" in the August issue of *The Ring*) upped Resto's log to 20-7-2 with eight kayoes. Collins fell to 13-1 with 10 knockouts.

Former WBC junior lightweight king Alfredo Escalera, 138, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Gene Hatcher, 140, Fort Worth, Texas, 10. John LoBianco, referee. Escalera is now 47-13-3 with 28 knockouts. Hatcher is 16-2 with 14 kayoes.

"Smokin'" Mike Perkins, 214, Hallandale, Florida, won a unanimous decision over Steve Zouski, 201½, Brockton, Mass., six. Tony Perez, referee. Perkins is now 11-1 with six kayoes. Zouski is 23-6 with 14 knockouts.

Steve Floch, 228, Staten Island, TKO'd Don Halpin, 211, Lowell, Mass., at 2:55 of the first round in their scheduled six. Referee John LoBianco stopped the contest after Halpin was floored twice. Floch is now 5-0 with 4 knockouts. Halpin is 8-15 with seven kayoes.

Carlos (Rocky) Hernandez, 209, Union City, New Jersey, TKO'd Nelson Rosa, 199½, New York, at 1:17 of the third round in a scheduled four. Rosa, making his pro debut, was decked in the second and third rounds. Hernandez is now 5-0—all knockouts. Tony Perez, referee.
(06-16-83)

▲**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Southpaw Pedro Vilella, 146, New York, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Ed Green, 147¾, Houston, Texas, 10. Arthur Mercante, referee. Scoring: judge Paddy Dolan, 10-0; judge Artie Levine, 8-2 (giving Vilella an exta point in round seven); judge Al Reid, 8-2. Vilella is now 14-0-1 with five kayoes. Green is 11-2 with seven knockouts.

Dennis Cruz, 131, Bronx, New York, stopped Roberto Vinas, 130, Brooklyn, New York, after five rounds in their scheduled 10. Joe Cortez, referee. Cruz is now 16-1 with 14 knockouts. Vinas is 10-3 with six kayoes.

Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz, 136, New York, TKO'd Sammy Lee Young, 136¼, Albany, New York, at 1:45 of the fourth round in another scheduled 10. Cruz is now 10-1 with nine kayoes. Young is 5-5. Many thought referee Sid Rubenstein halted the contest prematurely.

Mike Martinez, 156½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Robert Rivers, 162, Wyandanch, Long Island, at 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled six. Sid Rubenstein, referee.

Junior Velez, 137, Jersey City, won a unanimous decision over Lindell Gonzalez, 136¾, Brooklyn, six. Arthur Mercante, referee. Scoring: Dolan, 4-1-1; Levine, 4-2 (5-2 in points); Reid, 5-1 (6-1). Levine and Reid gave Velez a two-point edge in the third round.

Arthur Anthony (Tony) Holt, 161, Brooklyn, decked Al Little, 164, Newark, New Jersey, thrice in round three for an automatic stoppage at 1:41 of the session. The scheduled six was refereed by Joe Cortez.

Chris Diaz, 122, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Jeronimo Maisonet, also 122, New York, four. Sid Rubenstein, referee. Scoring: Dolan, 4-0; Levine, 3-1 (4-1); Reid, 3-1. Judge Levine gave Diaz a two-point edge in round three, while both he and judge Reid scored the first session for Maisonet.

Pedro Maisonet, 135, New York, floored Carlos Carrasquillo, 132½, Santurce, Puerto Rico, three times in the first round for an automatic TKO at 1:58. Joe Cortez refereed the scheduled four.

Richard Brent, 163, New York, TKO'd Jose Torres, 164, Cape May, New Jersey, at 0:51 of the second in the scheduled four-round opener. Referee Mercante stepped in after Torres was floored twice in the fatal round.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(07-08-83)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OKLAHOMA

▲**OKLAHOMA CITY—Myriad**—Frank Newton, 129¾, Oklahoma City, won the Coors Midwestern United States lightweight championship with a lopsided unanimous decision over James Martinez, Odessa, Texas, 10. Scoring: judge Schuler, 99-96; judge Zanovich, 100-92; judge Pouter, 100-95. Newton is now 26-0-1. Martinez is 37-15.

Tony Harrison, 159, Oklahoma City, won a unanimous decision over Cheto Ramos, 157, Odessa, Texas, eight. Scoring: Shuler, 80-75; Zanovich, 78-75; Pouter, 80-76.

Norris McKinney, Dallas, stopped Mike Lair, Oklahoma City, at 1:00 of the first round in a scheduled six. Lair was down twice before referee Leroy Miller stepped in.

Ronnie Ackerson, 175, Oklahoma City, and Joe Brewer, Wichita, Kansas, drew, six. Scoring: Pouter, 58-57, Ackerson; Zanovich, 58-58; Shuler, 58-58.

Ron Malek, 147, Wichita, Kansas, won a majority decision over Virgil (Lee) Moore, also 147, Oklahoma City, six. Scoring: Pouter, 58-58; Zanovich, 58-56; Shuler, 59-55.

Jimmy Brown, Blanchard, halted debuting Tommy Benson, Oklahoma City, at 1:30 of round two in their scheduled six-round heavyweight bout. Brown is now 6-0.

Referees—Rev. Bill Strunk, Leroy Miller.
Top Contenders Production, Inc.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
(06-18-83)

JAMES HUTTON

PENNSYLVANIA

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Civic Center**—NABF middleweight champion James Shuler, 159, Philadelphia, hardly worked up a sweat in knocking out southpaw Wilfredo Acostain, Dominican Republic, in 1:37 of the round in a 10-round non-title affair. One solid right hand did the trick. Rudy Battle, referee. Shuler is now 17-0 with 16 kayoes.

Dean Moore, 168, Forest City, North Carolina won a split decision over Clifford Jones, 170, Philadelphia, four. No knockdowns, but good action in a bout refereed by Frank Cappucino.

Tony Coster, 200, Philadephia, and Tim Easton, 187, Forest City, N.C., drew, six. The scores were 29-27, Coster, and 27-27 (twice). Rudy Battle, referee.

Marvin Shuler, James' brother, 154, won a unanimous decision over Jonathan O'Hara, also 154, Vineland, New Jersey, six. No knockdowns in this one-sided bout refereed by Frank Cappucino.

Archie McMillan, 161, Philadelphia, won a majority decision over Stacey McSwain, 162, Forest City, eight. Scores were 38-35, 37-35, and 36-36. Rudy Battle, referee.

Jerry Martin, 182, Philadelphia, TKO'd Willie Torres, 175, Philly, at 1:49 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Frank Cappucino, referee. Torres was decked twice.

Judges—Al Morris, Carol Polis.
Attendance—2,200 (estimated).
Site—Pennsylvania Room of the huge Civic Center complex.
Promoter—Butch Lewis.
(06-14-83)

JACK OBERMAYER

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—The scheduled eight-round main event featured Kerry Judge, 207, Bristol, Pennsylvania, against Pittsburgh's porky Louie DiLembo. The one time light heavyweight prospect trained on pizza and beer, waddling in at 198. A left hook soon had him staggering like a drunk, and then a right hand counter dropped him into the ropes, where he was counted out at 2:44 of the first round in a suppliant's position—probably praying for a midnight snack.

Junie Nash, 147, Frankford, won a unanimous decision over tricky Jake (The Snake) Reilly, 144, Troy, New York, six. Jake was down in the fourth, and was unable to do his usual job of making his opponent look bad.

Nasir Ali, 162½, Germantown, knocked out Mack Simmons, 159½, Pittsburgh, with a left hook in 0:23 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Walter Evans Sloan, 155½, Bristol, won a unanimous decision over game Reaed Rhodes, 162, California, Pa., six. Sloan had been inactive from a broken jaw.

Gregg Edelman, 139¼, Merchantville, N.J., TKO'd Pat Lyons, 137, St. Marys, Pa., at 1:09 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Mark Frazier, 163½, North Philadelphia, made his pro debut by stopping a pathetic stiff named Ralph Bell, 155, Richmond, at 1:03 of the first round in a scheduled four. Mark is a member of the celebrated Frazier family; he's Joe's nephew.

Joe O'Neil refereed the main go and Edelman-Lyons. Bob Polis worked the rest. The arrival of scorching weather cut the normally packed house to about half.

Judges—Bob LaGuardia, Adalaide Tyndale.
Timekeeper—Charles Cunningham.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
Promoter—Joe Verne.
Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.
Attendance—500. Gross—$5,000 (est.).
(06-23-83)

J.R. JOWETT

TEXAS

▲**SAN ANTONIO—Blanco Ballroom**—Veteran slugger Gilbert (Machete) Galvan, 136, San Antonio, TKO'd Clyde (Chubby) Johnson, 138, Phoenix, Arizona, at 1:45 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Pascual Aranda, 126, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Aaron Lopez, 127, San Antonio, eight.

Juan Marroquin, 163½, San Antonio, stopped Tim Swanson, 160, Phoenix, at 0:58 of the first round.

Robert Luna, 123, San Antonio, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Martinez, 125, San Antonio, four.

Joey Lopez, 111, San Antonio, stopped Octavio Lopez, 113, San Antonio, at 1:05 of the initial stanza.

Referees—Roy Ovalle, Leonard Zuniga.
Judges—Steve Jaramillo, Jimmy Scaramozi.
Timekeeper—Nat Como.
Knockdown Timer—Bill Gavin.
Promoter—Ruben Guerra.
Matchmaker—Blackie Ramon, Sr.
Attendance—216. Gross—$2,337.
(05-24-83)

▲**PORT ARTHUR—Civic Center**—Three live bouts supported the closed circuit telecast of hometown favorite Wilford Scypion's title bout with Marvin Hagler.

Bobby McCorvey, 155¼, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over old-timer Manny Torres, 153½, Monterrey, Mexico, six.

Mickey Pryor, 208, Fort Worth, stopped Teddy Lopez, 211, Vidor. Ringside physician Dr. Max Sprott ruled Lopez was unable to continue due to a laceration the length of his right eyebrow. The stoppage came between the second and third round.

Barry Houseman, 129¼, Fort Worth, halted awful David Roggenkamp, 126, Beaumont, at 2:35 of the first. David is one of the tennis-shoe-and-swimming-trunk-clad brigade we've seen too much of lately. He looked like he was scared to death.

Referee—Paul Prejean.
Judges—John Dugan, Bob Jacobs.
Timekeeper—Frank Martinez.
Promoter—Lester Bedford.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—695. Gross—$7,530.
(05-27-83)

▲**HARLINGEN—Casa de Armistad**—Danny Vargas, 135½, Harlingen, won a unanimous decision over Ponce Trevino, 133, San Benito, eight.

Alvaro Salazar, 131, Harlingen, stopped Antonio Marin, 128¾, Reynosa, at 1:26 of the second.

Luis Guajardo, 150½, McAllen, kayoed Celestino Diaz, 148½, Reynosa, in 1:50 of the first round.

Andrew Rodriguez, 129¾, Temple, kayoed Elroy Diaz, 130, Crystal City, in 3:02 of the first.

Juan Camero, 108, Elsa, iced Jaime Olvera, 105, Chihuahua, in 1:38 of the first round.

Carlos Lopez, 112, San Benito, won a unanimous decision over Benito Castillo, 109, Reynosa, four.

Referees—Bob Martin, Steve Flores.
Judges—Tony Garcia, Bob Wells.
Timekeeper—David Avalos.
Promoter—Eloy Sanchez.
Matchmaker—Ray Sepulveda.
Attendance—439. Gross—$3,940.
(06-07-83)

▲**AUSTIN—Municipal Audtiorium**—Richard Long, 129¼, Austin, TKO'd Kirk Stengel, 127, Tulsa, at 2:40 of the seventh in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Cheto Ramos, 157¾, Odessa, won a majority decision over Steve (Cowboy) Schwan, 162, Austin, eight.

Richard Abila, 117, Midland, starched Alberto Cruz, 119, Dallas, in 1:42 of the third round.

Sugar Ray Marshall, 164, Shreveport, La., halted Arnell Thomas, 163½, Dallas, at 1:21 of round three.

Jason Watters, 138½, Austin, knocked out Victor McCray, 134½, Dallas, in 2:22 of the first.

Referees—Sam Duran, Roy Ovalle.
Timekeeper—Pete Gil.
Promoter—Tim Miller.

ILLINOIS

▲**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor—**Louie Mateo, 147, Chicago, won the vacant Illinois State welter crown with a unanimous decision over Pedro Acosta, 146, Rock Falls, Illinois, 10. A dandy, spirited fight.

Wayne Lynum, 123, Chicago, won the vacant Illinois State featherweight title with an unpopular split duke over Pajarito Marquez, 125, 10.

Muleman Alexander, 162, Chicago, won a unanimous verdict over Danny Blake, 165½, Milwaukee, 10.

Jose Vidal, 129, Santurce, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Gary Gamble, 128, Indianapolis, at 2:59 of the seventh in their scheduled 10.

Victor Flores, 132½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Curtis Golston, 136½, Louisville, six. Golston fought every step of the way, making Flores really earn his victory.

Joe Phillips, 125, Milwaukee, won a majority duke over Floyd Smith, 127½, Chicago, six.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Bobby Carrillo, Brian O'Shea.

Judges—Collins Brown, Harding McCain, John Ricci, Al Tremari.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinch.

Ring Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Pete Muniz.

Attendance—519.

(05-28-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—**Two eight-rounders headlined.

Mike Landini, 153, Chicago, won a lopsided unanimous decision over outclassed Bobby Plegge, 153, Salem, Ohio. Landini is ready for much better competition.

Vebro Boykin, 145, Chicago, floored Jesus Gallardo, 147, Chicago, twice in the last round enroute to a unanimous decision. Boykin is also ready for a better calibre of opposition.

Henry Mobley, 139½, Chicago, won a unanimous verdict over Wayne Ingram, 146½, Waukegan, Illinois, six.

Four-rounders: Floyd Smith, 130½, Chicago, won a split duke over Wayne Feagin, 125½, Gary, Indiana, in the latter's pro debut. Larry Martin, 160, Maywood, Illinois, made his pro debut with a split decision over Dave Hill, 159, Chicago. William Clayton, 154, Chicago, TKO'd Solomon Jones, also 154, Chicago, at 1:47 of the second. Khoren Perzigian, 174, Waukegan, won a unanimous decision over Eugene Taylor, 168, Nashville, Tenn. Edgar Muniz, 166, Chicago, made his pro debut by knocking out Emanuel Ward, 158½, Chicago, in 0:42 of the second. Lopez McGee, 155, Nashville, won a unanimous duke over Donald Myart, 164, Joliet, Illinois.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.

Judges—James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Jerry Hults, Al James.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari.

Ring Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Ernest Terrell.

Attendance—585.

(06-06-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—**John Collins, 160½, Chicago, making his first start since he beat Lenny LaPaglia on national TV, polished off Sam Leonard, 156, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2:58 of round two in a scheduled 10. Collins is now 28-0 with 26 knockouts.

Eight-rounders: Benny Marquez, 129, and Thunder Clottey, 126½, Liverpool, England, drew. Danny Blake, 165, Milwaukee, won a majority decision over Freddie Spry, 161, Peekskill, New York. Kenny Heflin, 154, Louisville, won a unanimous verdict over Harlen Holden, also 154, Chicago. William Hosea, 199, Chicago, kayoed Ron Draper, 193, Kansas City, Missouri, in 0:58 of round two.

Jeff Lanas, 158½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Larry Martin, 157, Maywood, Illinois, six. Lanas is now 4-0. Martin is 1-1.

Four-rounders: Jesse Torres, 130, Aurora, Illinois, TKO'd Lewis Nelton, 129, Peoria, Illinois, who couldn't answer the bell for round three due to a bad cut near the eye. Ramzi Ibriham, 177, Chicago, halted Francis Sargent, 174½, Peoria, at 2:04 of the first frame. Kenny Larson, 155, Beverly Shores, Indiana, TKO'd Sunny Russell, 156, Sterline, Illinois, at 1:20 of round two.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Bobby Carrillo.

Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Bill Lerch, Harding McCain.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.

Ring Announcer—Art Manzy.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Cedric Kushner.

Attendance—1,037.

(06-20-83)

BOB SODERMAN

LOUISIANA

▲**NEW ORLEANS—Mariot Hotel—**Larry Lane, 172, North Carolina, won the ESPN light heavyweight title by knocking out Jerome Clouden, 170, New Orleans, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

Tony Powell, 153, New Orleans, won a unanimous decision over Mike Senegal, 152, Lake Charles, 10.

Darrell Savoy, 128, Lafayette, La., kayoed Jerry Land, 129, Fort Payne, Alabama, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Bill Thomas, 223, New Orleans, TKO'd Al Edison, 188, Memphis, in the fourth round of their scheduled six.

Calvin Medine, 138, White Castle, La., and Robert Lee, also 138, Meridian, Miss., drew, six.

Joe Louis Goodman, 158, Gulfport, Miss., outscored Hollis Shaw, 159, New Orleans, in a good action fight, six rounds.

Referees—Giaruso, Docusen, Joseph, Cojoe.,

Judges—Dutriex, Giaruso.

Timekeepers—Fiero, Florio.

Ring Announcer—Peter Clark.

Ringside Physician—Dr. A.J. Italiano.

Promoter—Mikel Bonanao. (06-14-83)

▲**BATON ROUGE—**Harold Petty, 120, Fort Worth, kayoed Humberto Rodriguez, 118, Houston, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Darrel Savoy, 129, Lafayette, outscored RIchard Ishmael, 127, Houston, six.

Phil Sawyer, 154, Fort Worth, outpointed Calvin Prejean, 152, Lafayette, eight.

Eddie RIchardson, 222, Fort Worth, outscored Charles Atlas, 226 Bastrop, Louisiana, six. Atlas has been suspended indefinitely by the Louisiana State Athletic Commission.

James Cooper, 134, Lafayette, outpointed Gary Dardar, 136, Cut Off, La., 136, six.

Referee—Jimmy Neff.

Judges—Dot LeBlanc, Nerry Trahan.

Timekeeper—George LeBlanc.,

Ringside Physician—Dr. L.F. Kraft.

Promoter—Round 7 Boxing Club/Shanley.

(06-17-83)

MICHIGAN

▲**DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—Bernard (Superbad) Mays, 164, Detroit, stopped Nekoda Leftenant, 167, Columbus, at 0:40 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Mays, who was coming off a 10-month lay-off, is now 22-0-1.

Johnny Heard, 158, Chicago, won a split duke over Leslie (Sweet Lemonade) Gardner, 164, Detroit, 10. Gardner, who suffered his fifth straight loss, is now 15-7.

Donald Hamilton, 155, Detroit, made it 2-0 by stopping Herbert Tolbert, 158, Detroit, at 1:57 of the third.

Joe Baker, 144, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Jerome McKinney, 144, Detroit, four. Baker was making his pro debut. (McKinney should not be confused with Jerome Kinney.)

Kali Muhammed, 124, Detroit, won a unanimous verdict over debuting Steve Stallings, 127, Detroit, a southpaw, four.

James Fell, 143, Columbus, halted Robert Tyus, 145, Detroit, at 1:55 of round two. Tyus, who was making his pro debut, had a 125-27 amateur log.

Referees—Bob Watson, Sam WIlliams.

Judges—Herb Ellison, Randy Ericson, Ken Offet.

Ring Announcers—Sam Venditto, Anthony Cornelius.

Promoter—Albert Hatcher/Circle H Promotions.

(05-13-83)

▲**TRAVERSE CITY—Boardman Valley Sports Complex**—Kenny Ringo, 175, Detroit, won the vacant Michigan State light heavyweight title by knocking out Rick Jester, 173, Detroit, in 1:59 of the first round. Ringo, now 5-2, had fought all six of his previous pro fights in Atlantic City—all of them four-rounders. His stoppage of Jester, who'd been in with the likes of Jerry Martin, Murray Sutherland, Johnny Davis, and Dwight Braxton, was a big surprise. A right hand to the side of Jester's skull made his head bob like a yoyo. He ought to be retired.

Darnell Knox, 153, Highland Park, Michigan, pummelled Gary Coates, 153, Alliance, Ohio, who did not come out for the fourth. Knox, now 13-1, looked very good.

Kali Muhammad, 126, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over John Boggiano, 130, Grand Rapids. Muhammad is now 3-1.

Tyronne Trice, 141, Detroit, TKO'D Fred Tice, 149, Muskegon, at 2:19 of the first round. Trice, the newest Kronk pro, is now 2-0.

Chris Carney, 140, won a unanimous decision over Jerome McKinney, 144, Detroit, in the four-round opener. Carney is now 3-3. McKinney is 0-4.

Referees—Max Harnish,Joe Kitchen.

Judges—Rick Fellows, SIdney Lamers, Roger Loheed.

Timekeeper—Leo Hulett.

Promoter—Bob Watson, Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.

Attendance—500 (estimated).

(06-04-83)

▲**DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—The few hundred fans who showed up to see local hero Bernard (Superbad) Mays continue on the comeback trail got a well deserved treat in the form of a very exciting contest between Mays, 159, and southpaw Steve Williams, 160, Chicago. For the first eight rounds, Williams gave Mays all he wanted in a close and hard fought battle. While Mays appeared to be winning, the rounds were close as the two battled back and forth. Then, in the ninth and 10th rounds, the Mays that the fans remembered emerged. Up on his toes, moving around the ring and attacking in quick, hard hitting flurries, Bernard took complete control. Mays looked sharp in the two final rounds, not taking a beating while dishing out sound punishment and opening up cuts over both of William's eyes. The solid 10-round victory raised Mays' record to 23-0-1. Scoring 100-91, 99-92, and 96-94. But it was rougher than those scorecards indicate.

Jerome Kinney, 140, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Kevin Austin, also 140, Milwaukee, 10. Kinney is now 10-1.

Dwight Robinson, 141, Detroit, made it 3-0 with a three-round stoppage of Jerome McKinney, 135, Detroit, at 1:28., McKinney, 0-5, should not be confused with Kinney, the state welter champ.

E. Wade Costict, 129, Detroit, improved his pro log to 6-1-1 with a six-round decision over Steve Stallings, 138, Highland Park. Stallings is now 0-2.

Eris (The Whip) Curry and Dave Diener boxed a three-round exhibition.

Referees—Dale Grable, Marv McDonald.

Judges—Bernard Humphrey, Frank Habarish, Johnny LeBow.

Attendance—200 (estimated).

(07-01-83)

▲**KALAMAZOO-Hackett High School**—Terry Holmes, 162, Kalamazoo, TKO'd Clio Landru, 154, Chicago, who failed to answer the bell for round seven of a scheduled 10. A beautiful straight right dropped Landrum in the third round, and a picture perfect left hook decked him in the sixth. Holmes is now 9-0.

Troy Watson, 160, Muskegon, stopped Dave Diener, 156, Flint, at 1:49 of the third. Watson cut Diener under the left eye and knocked him down in the second frame. Watson is now 2-0. Diener is 0-1.

Johnny (Pepper) Puentes, 143, Defiance, Ohio, won a well fought majority decision over veteran Grand Rapids war horse Willie (Floyd) McIntosh, 139, four.

Emilio Sotomayer, 132, Chicago, won a split decision over John Boggiano, also 132, Grand Rapids, four.

Curtis (Coffee Man) Isaac, 205, Grand Rapids, knocked out Eddie Booker, 211, Battle Creek, in 2:40 of the first round. Isaac is now 9-2.

Referee—Max Harnish.

Judges—Mike Faubla, Tommy Russo.

Timekeeper—Bruce Kielty.

Jim Hinkle Promotions.

Matchmaker—Bill Chrisman.

Attendance—337.

(07-09-83)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Jeff Lampkin, 182, Youngstown, Ohio, kayoed Stanley Ross, 185½, Philadelphia, with a scorching body attack, in 1:00 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Zack Clayton, referee.

Mike Hardin, 186, Troy, Ohio, knocked out Lou Vallar, 197¼, Syracuse, New York, in 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled six. A short right counter was the kayo punch. Vallar was also down in the first session. Zack Clayton, referee.

Bud Becker, 176, Wilmington, Delaware, TKO'd Frankie Crossan, 177¼, Atlantic City, at 2:27 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. The crowd pleasing Crossan was down in the first round. Ted Pick, referee.

Glenn Lee, 136¼, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Brian DeLeon, 140, Troy, Ohio, who was not allowed out for the fifth round of their scheduled six. DeLeon's nose was split. Ted Pick, referee.

Carl Riskus, 148¾, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Terry Battle, 153½, Trenton, at 2:52 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Zack Clayton, referee.

Victor Harvey, 177, Thorofare, New Jersey, knocked Tee Carpenter, 172, Trenton, out of the ring with a sucker right for a TKO at 2:18 of the fourth and final round. Ted Pick, referee.

Judges—Frank Cairo, Milo Savage, Lindsey Tucker.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

Promoter/Matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.

Attendance—800 (estimated).

(06-14-83)

▲**HAZLET TOWNSHIP—Plaza Forum—**The third card for this sinking promotion unfortunately drew the poorest house yet, despite being a reasonably good club show. Hot weather and the absence of local hero Ricky Jefferson (broken ribs) took their toll. Only five bouts came off, with no main event.

Tim LaValley, 146½, Troy, New York, won a technical decision over Peter O'Keefe, 149½, Maplewood, New Jersey, in a scheduled six-rounder. A violent clash of heads forced Ted Pick to halt the bout at 0:32 of the fifth round, with LaValley well ahead on all three cards.

Sal Cenicola, 129, Paterson, floored Wayne Bingham, 125, Trenton, three times in the second for an automatic TKO at 2:28 of the session. Vincent Rainone refereed the scheduled six-rounder.

Joe Risoli, 212, Bound Brook, won a split decision over Deacon Brooks, 191, Irvington, six. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Robert Thomas, 157½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Tim Richardson, 159, Trenton, six. Ted Pick, referee.

Thomas Young, 129, Eatontown, New Jersey, made his pro debut by stopping Sharkey Hussein, 125¾, Albany, at 0:39 of the first round in a scheduled four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Judges—Wm. Kostrub, Phil Newman, John Stewart.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Ring Announcer—Frank Shain.

Promoter—John Gorman (Phytes, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Gary Dietrich.

Attendance—200. Gross—$2,400 (est.).

(06-24-83)

J.R. JOWELL

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**He came packing an undefeated record (14-0, 12 kayoes), a shotgun right hand, not to mention the ESPN middleweight title. Luckily for Andre Cooper, he was facing a young man with only five paid bouts, who had never gone 10 rounds, and was a one-week sub to boot.

You see, 'The Sugarman' also came packing recent ring inactivity (one meaningless bout since last October), contractual differences with manager Butch Cristelli, and to top it all, a possible 10-year sentence for armed robbery/kidnapping.

Out on bail after 12 days in the can, Cooper, 161, had only a few days in the gym, and it showed. He came away with a unanimous decision over Sanderline Williams, 158¼, Cleveland, Ohio, but the Blackwood, New Jersey based boxer looked rusty, worried, and oh so tentative.

Scoring: Ray Hoagland, 7-3: Frances Moore, 6-4: Frank Brunette, 5-4-1. Frank Cappucino, referee. Williams is now 5-1 with two kayoes.

Neal Allen, 148, Davidsonville, Maryland, won a split decision over Jimmy Wroten, 148¼, Camden, New Jersey, four. No knockdowns. Duane Bobick, referee.

Chester Vaxter, 148, Easton, Pennsylvania, won a unanimous decision over Joe Williams, 149½, Camden, four. Again, no knockdowns, and the ref was Cappucino. Not many could believe the call in Vaxter's favor.

Luis Rivera, 157¼, Camden, won a majority decision over Jerome Johnson, 159¾, Jackson, New Jersey, six. No knockdowns. Referee was Cappucino. RIvera had been out of action for a year.

Kenny Butts, 110½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over fellow southpaw Luis Gonzalez, 110, Bronx, six. No knockdowns. Duane Bobick, referee. Gonzalez, a former New York Golden Gloves champ, lost for the first time in the pro ranks after starting out with four straight wins.

Edward (Watusy) DeJesus, 129½, Camden, TKO'd James Woodhouse, 130½, Philadelphia, at 1:17 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. No knockdowns. Duane Bobick, referee.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derrian.

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Champion
Trevor Berbick (Halifax)
1. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
2. Gord Racette (Nanaimo)
3. Razor Ruddock (Toronto)
4. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
1. Don Hurtle (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Roddie MacDoandl (Toronto)
4. Jimmy Gradson (Toronto)
5. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ralph Hollett (Halifax)
1. Alex Hilton (Montreal)
2. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
3. John Griffin (Toronto)
4. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
5. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
6. Dean Ferguson (Windsor)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mario Cusson (Montreal)
1. Dave Hilton (Montreal)
2. Donny Poole (Toronto)
3. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
4. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
5. David Dusang (Winnipeg)
6. LeRoy Pink (Toronto)
7. Sugar Marsh (Toronto)
8. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
9. John Herbert (Vancouver)
10. Clint Harris (Windsor)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Nick Furlano (Toronto)
2. Pierre Huneault (Hull)
3. John Summerhays (Brantford)
4. Gaetan Hart (Buckingham)
5. Felix Vanderpool (Kitchener)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Salvatore (Montreal)
1. Nedrae Simmons (Toronto)
2. Paul Stewart (Scarborough)
3. Leonard Pinnock (Montreal)

Matchmaker—Doug Lord.
Attendance—577. Gross—$5,600.
(06-08-83)

▲**CORPUS CHRISTI—Municipal Auditorium—**The long awaited homecoming of world lightweight Roberto Elizondo saw the hard hooking contender, 136, pound out a lopsided unanimous decision over veteran Jose Torres, 135, Mexicali, 10.

Chris Silvas, 130, Corpus Christi, won a unanimous duke over Pablo Rosas, 130¼, San Antonio, six.

Carlos Flores, 122½, San Antonio, won a majority verdict over Jesse Sierra, 121½, Corpus Christi, six.

Freddie Guzman, 179½, Fort Worth, knocked out Cisco Estrada, 172, Corpus Christi, in 2:56 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Barry Housman, 129¼, Fort Worth, TKO'd Alonzo Garcia, 128¼, Corpus Christi, at 2:09 of the fifth round in another scheduled six.

Frank Warren, 145½, Corpus Christi, halted terrible Rodney Sanchez, 143½, San Antonio, at 0:58 of the second.

Officials—Humberto Barrera, Jesse Garza, John Whitley.
Timekeeper—Rudy Rivera.
Promoter—Lester Bedford.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—2,581. Gross—$29,529.
(06-16-83)

▲**HOUSTON—Astro Arena—**High flying Robin Blake, 134½, Levelland, easily disposed of previously undefeated Sterling McPherson, 134, Las Vegas, at 1:02 of round four in the scheduled 10-round main event. Sterling was decked in the first round, and was virtually out on his feet when referee Mark Tessman stopped the bout. Blake, now 20-0, will reportedly square off against Melvin Paul this fall, with the winner challenging WBA lightweight king Ray Mancini.

Gilberto Roman, 118, Mexico City, won a unanimous decision over Armando Loredo, 116½, Corpus Christi, 10. Loredo was ranked number 20 by the WBC prior to this bout—despite a 6-8-2 record.

Luke Leece, 132, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Jose Martinez, 133, San Antonio, when the latter couldn't answer the bell for the seventh round. Jose had taken a bad beating in the body.

Tom (Mad Dog) Smith, 152½, Houston, kayoed old timer Ruben Nuncio, 153½, Houston, in 2:37 of the second with a blistering overhand right.

Mark Lassian, 141½, Lake Charles, La., won a unanimous decision over Rick Henderson, 142¼, Houston, six.

Reggie Robinson, 134, Houston, won a majority duke over Jaime Cardenas, 132, Houston, six.

Darryl Robinson, 154, Houston, made his pro debut by stopping Rocky McCullum, 153, Stafford, at 2:22 of round one in a truly embarrassing walkout bout. McCullum reportedly had a winning record back home in Memphis, but hadn't fought in a couple of years. Off what he showed against Robinson, he'd better put his trunks back in the closet before he is seriously injured.

Referees—Mark Tessman, Bob Gonzales.
Judges—Terry Daniels, Bob Martin.
Timekeeper—M.L. Ferris.
Knockdown Timer—Tony Sechelski.
Promoter—Houston Boxing Association.
Matchmakers—Tony Gardner, Mel Greb.
Attendance—1,326. Gross—$29,089 in addition to about $5,000 in television monies from the local Home Sports Entertainment channel and the national Warner-Amex cable setup.
(06-20-83)

▲**HOUSTON—Esquire Ballroom—**Reggie (Skeeter) Watson, 133½, Houston, won the vacant Texas State lightweight crown by stopping previously undefeated Gary Simons, 134½, Houston, at 2:25 of the 12th and final round.

Lee Murphy, 158, Houston, stopped Harold West, 160½, Morgan City, La., at 1:36 of the first.

Rafael Cordero, 141, Houston, stopped Ignacio (Nacho) Acosta, 141¼, Houston, at 2:38 of the fifth.

Neil Wass, 144, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Calvin (Jo Jo) Medine, Jr., 138, Cutoff, La., four.

Ricky Buquo, 150, Houston, TKO'd Marcos Romero, 151¼, Houston, at 2:59 of the second in their scheduled four.

Referees—Bob Martin, Barry Yeats.
Judges—Henry Harris, Bill Yeager.
Timekeeper—M.L. Ferris.
Promoter—Bill Pye.
Matchmaker—John English.
Attendance—491. Gross—$6,100.
(06-22-83)

C.A. JACKSON

CANADA

MANITOBA

▲**WINNEPEG—Convention Centre—**Wayne Caplette, 164, Winnipeg, knocked out Jerry Reddick, 158, Edmonton, in 2:49 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

David Dusang, 144, Winnipeg, kayoed Denis Brisson, 145, Chicoutimi, in 1:14 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Brisson has now lost five in a row.

Rick Kaiser, 142½, Omaha, won a unanimous decision over Carl Williams, 137, Kansas City, eight.

Al Houck, 208, St. Paul, stopped Laverne Bumpers, 209, Minneapolis, at 1:36 of the third round in a scheduled six.

James Williamson, 195, Sioux Falls, S.D., halted Art King, 182, Jamaica, at 1:57 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Dan Pruden, 137¼, Winnipeg, stopped Ray Mehler, 137½, Sudbury, at 1:20 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—Art Willby, Al Sparks, Mike Pastrack.
Judges—Haynes, Roberts, St. Mars.
Ring Announcer—Don Kirton.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Norman Hill.
Promoters—Tom Burns, Harold Madick.
(06-14-83)

ONTARIO

▲**BRANTFORD—**Remo DiCarlo, 133½, Toronto, won the Canadian lightweight title with a unaninimous decision over defending champion Johnny Summerhays, 134½, 12. THis upset marked the first Canadian title bout ever held in the city of Brantford. The scores were118-113, 116-115, and 118-110. It was a close fight for the first six rounds, when Remo took over with a stiff left jab. He nailed John with a right uppercut in the 11th, dropping him for eight.

Albert Cox, 150, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Smith, 145, Windsor, six.

Felix Vanderpool, 137½, Kitchener, halted Jimmy Heickert, also 137½, Oshawa, at 2:00 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

O'Dell Drisdale, 150, Oshawa, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Green, 160, Dunville.

Donnie Hurtle, 180, Toronto, won a unanimous verdict over Wes Rowe, 177½, Brantford, six.

Referees—E Gaudet, Lionel Sullivan, Ray Hipolito.
Judges—S. Luftspring, J. McLean, L. Sullivan, R. Hipolito.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Auchinachie.
Promoter—Ron Deroache.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(06-28-83)

▲**KITCHENER—**Donnie LaLonde, 170½, Winnipeg, won the Canadian light heavy crown by stopping defending champ Roddie MacDonald, 174½, Toronto, who did not answer the bell for the 10th round. Lionel Sullivan, referee.

Danny Vandal, 160, Winnipeg, stopped Jeff Farley, also 160, Indianapolis, at 2:57 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Mike Essett, 141, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Paul Graham, 136½, Gary, Indiana, drew. Hardy Jones, 154, Indianapolis won a unanimous decision over Burgess Scruggs, 161½, Indianapolis. Danny Pruden, 137, WInnipeg, won a unanimous duke over Bobby Brunett, 138, Indianapolis.

Referees—L. Sullivan, S. Luftspring, J. Goofrey.
Judges—Ed Gaudet, C. Williams, S. Luftspring, J. McLean.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.
Ring Announcer—Toy Unitas.
RIngside Physician—Dr. A. Hacker.
Promoter—Jay Coleman.
Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(07-04-83)

QUEBEC

▲**MONTREAL—**Canadian welterweight champion Mario Cusson, 141½, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Harold Brazier, 141, Indianapolis, 10. The scorecards read 80-74, 80-75, and 79-75.

Dave Hilton, Jr., 146½, Montreal, kayoed Pedro Acosta, 144, Chicago, in 1:47 of the second. Hilton is still undefeated.

Alex Hilton,, 150, Montreal, stopped a cooperative Carl Crawley, 146¼, Iowa, at 0:55 of the first.

Matthew Hilton, Montreal, knocked out Clint Harris, WIndsor, in 1:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Deano Clavert, 159½, Montreal, got a good old fashioned 'hometown' decision over Hardy Jones, 156¼, Minneapolis, six.

Mario Beaumier, 137, Montreal, won a split decision over Kenny Smith, Windsor, six.

Denis Blais, 147, Montreal, and Jacques de Blois, Montreal, drew, four.

Referees—J. Simpson, Guy Jutras, F. Deegan, R. Doutre.
Judges—M. Greene, Theroux, Bergeron, Nadeau.
Timekeepers—M. Vermette, M. Aubert.
Ring Announcer—Robert Rivest.
Rinside Physicians—Dr. P. Meunier, Dr. L. LeClerc.
(06-21-83)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲**TIJUANA—**Jorge Ramirez, 118, and Martin Torres, 125, drew, 10. Gustavo Olmos, 125, outpointed Andres Felix, 126, 10. Sergio Perez, 135, stopped Alejandro Mayorca, 134, in four. Leo Cruz, 114, TKO'd Sergio Favela, 116, in four. Rolando Rodriguez, 112, TKO'd Salvador Gallegos, 113, in five.
(05-16-83)

▲**TIJUANA—**Freddie Castillo, 112, and Candido Tellez, also 112, drew, 10. Reyes Gonzalez, 124, stopped Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez, 123, in eight. Juan Escobar, 126, TKO'd Benny Abarca, 125, in six.
(05-18-83)

▲**TIJUANA—**Arturo (King Kong) Diaz, 205, outpointed German (Vikingo) Marquez, 202, 10.
(05-23-83)

▲**TIJUANA—**Antonio de la Paz, 125, knocked out Ramon Marchena, 126, in round seven.
(06-06-83)

CHIAPAS

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—**Cenobio Nicolas, 126, TKO'd Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 125, in five.
(05-22-83)

CHIHUAHUA

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ—**Daniel Zaragoza, 118, retained his Mexican bantamweight title by outpointing Jesus (Pascualito) Lopez, 112, 12. Jose Antonio Lopez, 111, outscored Efrain Pintor, 112, 10. Ray Azteca, 145, outpointed Agustin Estrada, 146, 10.
(05-27-83)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Justo Garcia, 125, outpointed Juan Paredes, 126, 10. Luciano Fernandez, 146, TKO'd Jesus Hernandez, 145, in six. Obed Najera, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Rojas, also 135, in four. Gregorio Narciso, 125, kayoed Mario Moreno, also 125, in three. Raul Lopez, 114, outscored Pepe Hernandez, 113, four.
(04-30-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Ricardo Sosa, 108, outpointed Filiberto (Macanas) Gonzalez, also 108, 10. Miro Rosales, 112, outscored Pablo Flores, 111, 10. Abraham Martinez, 117, TKO'd Gonzalo Toledo, 118, in two. Agustin Jimenez, 135, TKO'd Adelfo Morales,

136, in four. Oscar Ortiz, 116, TKO'd Emilio Geminiano, 117, in three.
(05-11-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 124, TKO'd Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 125, in the 10th and final round. Jose Luis Lara, 122, TKO'd Joel (Chato) Segura, 123, in five. Enrique Romero, 125, iced Pedro Mendoza, also 125, in one. Gabriel Carpio, 107, TKO'd Andres Santana, 108, in one.

Veteran trainer Roberto (Tio) Jimenez was shotgunned and killed after the Casas-Hernandez bout.
(05-14-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Fidel Martinez, 117, TKO'd Santiago (Raton) Perez, also 117, in seven. Chucho Ramirez, 136, TKO'd Raul (Santanas) Guerrero, 137, in eight. Arturo Mendoza, 111, outscored Raymundo Carpio, 112, six. Jaime Martinez, 123, TKO'd Clemente Granados, also 123, in two. Mario Medel, 113, outpointed Alfonso Lois, also 113, four.
(05-18-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 126, TKO'd Boni Flores, 125, in six. Agustin Resendiz, 136, TKO'd Arturo Coutino, 137, in two. Miguel Zamora, 117, TKO'd Nabor Flores, 116, in three. Rodolfo Ramirez, 108, and Ricardo Aguilar, also 108, drew, six. Raul Quiroga, 108, outpointed Chon Meneses, also 108, four.
(05-21-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Bernardo (Batallador) Ibarra, 113, TKO'd Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 112, in five. Nino Alonso, 117, stopped Carmelo Bustos, 118, in six. Juan Camacho, 135, TKO'd Felipe del Campo, 136, in three. Jose Manuel Herrera, 135, TKO'd Daniel Vargas, 136, in two. Juan Pedro Coyote, 118, outpointed Jaime Dominguez, also 118, four.
(05-25-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 112, TKO'd Armando (Toro) Coronado, also 112, in five. Fernando (Soldado) Teran, 118, TKO'd Javier Hernandez, also 118, in eight. Ricardo Maldonado, 135, TKO'd Obed Najera, also 135, in two. Bruno Rabanales, 125, and Jorge Alvarez, 126, drew, six. Antonio Diaz, 135, TKO'd Agustin Jimenez, 134, in three.
(05-28-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Mario Olmedo, 147, outscored Claro Guzman, 146, 10. Samuel Diaz, 118, TKO'd Nicolas Mora, 117, in three. Armando Marin, 111, and Gregorio Narciso, also 111, drew, six. Juan Velasquez, 115, and Salvador Cardenas, 116, drew, four. Rodolfo Zepeda, 111, TKO'd Sergio Mayares, also 111, in one. Ricardo Alonso, 110, TKO'd Mario Quintana, 109, in one.
(06-01-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Isidro Perez, 110, TKO'd Aaron Garcia, 109, in three. Herminio Delgado, 135, TKO'd Victor Paredes, 136, in six. Alejandro Garcia, 130, outscored Enrique Romero, 127, eight. Alejandro Sarabia, 108, TKO'd Oscar Moreno, 109, in three. Narciso Panchi, 112, TKO'd Mauricio Ferrer, 111, in the first.
(06-04-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Ramon Jimenez, 117, TKO'd Manuel Luna, 118, in eight. Damian Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Javier Herrera, 116, in eight. Agustin Macias, 108, TKO'd Reynaldo Garcia, 109, in seven. Adrian Gonzalez, 111, outscored Felix Ramirez, also 111, four. Jorge Arce, 117, outpointed Alejandro Aguirre, 118, four.
(06-08-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Diego Avila, 117, outpointed Heriberto Saavedra, also 117, 10. Miro Rosales, 112, halted Hilario Manjarrez, also 112, in seven. Alberto Contreras, 125, TKO'd Hector Cid, 126, in six. Jacinto González, 147, TKO'd Fernando Diaz, also 147, in two. Oscar Sanchez, 108, outpointed Pedro Bautista, 107, four.
(06-11-83)

GUERRERO

▲**ACAPULCO**—Juan de la Cruz, 113, TKO'd David Palacios, 112, in five. Manuel Arce, Jr., 117, demolished Casimiro Hernandez, also 117, in the first round. Jose Luis Alvarado, 112, stopped Sotero Becerra, also 112, in two. Raymundo Arce, 115, TKO'd L. Perez, 114, in two. Agustin Perez, 108, and Angel Mancilla, 109, drew, four.
(05-13-83)

NUEVO LEON

▲**MONTERREY**—Jose Gallegos, 112, TKO'd Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, also 112, in four.
(05-20-83)

PUEBLA

▲**PUEBLA**—Alberto Sosa, 112, outscored Alfonso Rivera, 113, 10. Mario Romero, 115, TKO'd Andres Ramirez, also 115, in six. Felipe del Campo, 120, kayoed Carlos Morales, 121, in the third.
(05-13-83)

QUINTANA ROO

▲**CHETUMAL**—Jorge Cano, 108, outpointed Javier Alonso, 109, 10. Tony Hong, 107, outscored Kid Jorge Chuc, 108, 10. Teo Batun, 108, stopped Jose Damian, also 108, in three.
(05-13-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, outpointed Tony Hong, also 108, 10. Jose Piste, 110, outscored Chamaco Constantino, 112, 10. Luciano Nahuatl, 125, TKO'd Luis Alberto Rodriguez, 124, in two.
(05-28-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Alfonso Perez Robinson, 129, TKO'd Armando Sarabia, 130, in four. Alfredo Chale, 112, kayoed Ranulfo Cano, also 112, in two. Fernando (Candelita) Varguez, 108, and Jose Esteban Quijano, also 108, drew, 10. Babe Luis II, 107, won by a disqualification over Jose (Mash) Figueroa, 108, in seven.
(06-01-83)

SINALOA

▲**MAZATLAN**—Gerardo Pena, 127, outscored Raul Valdez, 128, 10.
(05-06-83)

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS
(as of July 1, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Carlos DeLeón (Puerto Rico)
2. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
3. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
4. Eddie López (Mexico)
5. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
6. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
7. Domingo D'Elía (Argentina)
8. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
9. Hector Rubén Zamaro (Argentina)
10. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
11. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
12. Abraham Meneses (Mexico)
13. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
14. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
15. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
16. José Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
17. Gilberto Acuña (Costa Rica)
18. Cándido Barrera (Argentina)
19. Aldo Montes (Mexico)
20. Hugo Ruffino (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
2. José María Flores Burlón (Uruguay)
3. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
4. Miguel Cea (Chile)
5. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
6. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
7. Pedro César Duarte (Argentina)
8. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
9. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
10. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
11. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
12. Euclides Valdez (Dominican Rep.)
13. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
14. Cesar Romero (Argentina)
15. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
16. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
17. David Cabrera (Mexico)
18. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
19. Angel Salinas (Argentina)
20. Leonardo Rogers (Dominican Rep.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldán (Argentina)
2. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
3. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
4. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
5. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
6. Andres Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Manuel Melon (Puerto Rico)
8. Antonio Leyva (Mexico)
9. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
10. Angel Caro (Argentina)
11. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
12. Abel Cordoba (Mexico)
13. Sigfredo Colorado (Colombia)
14. Jose Mireles (Mexico)
15. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
16. Miguel Maldonado (Argentina)
17. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
18. Jorge Valentinuzzi (Argentina)
19. Alfredo Uviedo (Argentina)
20. Inocencio (Mao) de la Rosa (D.R.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco de Jesús (Brazil)
3. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
4. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
5. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
6. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
7. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
8. Luis Bazan (Argentina)
9. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
10. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
11. Ricardo Carballo (Argentina)
12. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
13. Carlos Velazquez (Argentina)
14. Mario Mathysse (Argentina)
15. Jose Santana (Puerto Rico)
16. Luis Peralta (Argentina)
17. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
18. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
19. Julio Sanchez (Argentina)
20. Jose Vallejo (Dominican Republic)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Elio Omar Díaz (Venezuela)
2. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
3. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
4. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
5. Pablo Báez (Dominican Republic)
6. Fernando Castro (Peru)
7. Jose Joaquín Baret (Dominican Rep.)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Hugo Quartapelle (Argentina)
10. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
11. Osmar Ochoa (Argentina)
12. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
13. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
14. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)
15. Luis Suarez (Argentina)
16. Felipe Vaca (Mexico)
17. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
18. Rafael Nuñez (Mexico)
19. Leonardo Bermudez (Mexico)
20. Manuel Jimenez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Alexis Argüello (Nicaragua)
2. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
3. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
4. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
5. Hugo Hernández (Argentina)
6. Antonio Cervantes (Colombia)
7. Juan José Gimenez (Argentina)
8. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (D.R.)
9. Felix Reyes (Dom.Rep.)
10. Guillermo Fernández (Venezuela)
11. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Republic)
12. Ruben Verdun (Argentina)
13. Agustin Caballero (Panama)
14. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Rep.)
15. Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
16. Jose Angulo (Colombia)
17. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
18. Hugo Leuro (Argentina)
19. Juan Rondon (Venezuela)
20. Martin Rojas (Colombia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
3. Orlando Romero (Peru)
4. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
5. Ildemar Paisan (Venezuela)
6. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
8. Pedro Laza (Cuba)
9. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
11. Ernesto España (Venezuela)
12. Ezequiel Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
13. Rudy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
14. Jose Luis Castillo (Mexico)
15. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
16. Cayetano Correa (Mexico)
17. Jose Ramon Cotua (Venezuela)
18. Julio Ruiz (Panama)
19. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
20. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
2. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
6. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
7. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)
8. Jose Vidal (Dominican Republic)
9. Roberto Pineiro (Puerto rico)
10. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
11. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
12. Gustavo de la Cruz (Dom. Rep.)
13. Carlos Olivera (Argentina)
14. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
15. Wilson Arias (Colombia)
16. Juan Manriquez Garrido (Chile)
17. Alfredo Paiva (Venezuela)
18. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
19. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)
20. Pedro Miranda (Chile)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
3. Angel Levy Mayor (Venezuela)
4. Jose Caba (Dominican Republic)
5. Hector Cortez (Ecuador)
6. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
7. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
8. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
9. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
10. Juan Malvares (Argentina)
11. Francisco Fernández (Panama)
12. Ibadeh Rojas (Colombia)
13. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes (Chile)
14. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
15. Pascual Patterson (Panama)
16. Victor Torres (Peru)
17. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
18. Juan Paredes (Mexico)
19. Martin Castro (Mexico)
20. Reyes Gonzalez (Mexico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
4. Sergio Palma (Argentina)
5. Julián Solís (Puerto Rico)
6. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
7. Ramón Dominguez (Argentina)
8. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
9. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
11. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
12. Joaquin Acuña (Mexico)
13. Carmelo Negron (Puerto Rico)
14. Bernardino Piñango (Venezuela)
15. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
16. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
17. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
18. Juan Araneda Bazan (Chile)
19. Jefferson Gomez (Colombia)
20. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
2. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Francisco Bejines (Mexico)
4. Edgar Román (Venezuela)
5. Jose Rufino Narvaez (Argentina)
6. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
7. Luis Gerez (Argentina)
8. Benito Badilla (Chile)
9. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
11. Santiago Caballero (Venezuela)
12. Miguel Iriarte (Panama)
13. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
14. Ruben Dario Palacio (Colombia)
15. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
16. Leonardo Valdez (Mexico)
17. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
18. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
19. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
20. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
4. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
5. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
6. Guadalupe Madera (Mexico)
7. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
8. German Torres (Mexico)
9. Juan Diaz (Mexico)
10. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
11. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
12. Guty Espadas (Mexicon)
13. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
14. Ramon Antonio Nery (Dom. Rep.)
15. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
16. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
17. Ernesto (Che) Guevara (Mexico)
18. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
19. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
20. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)

▲**CULIACAN**—Francisco (Cochulito) Montiel, 108, retained his Mexican junior flyweight crown by outpointing Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, also 108, 12. Gerardo Derbez, 132, TKO'd Romeo Isunza, 133, in seven.
(06-04-83)

YUCATAN

▲**MERIDA**—Guty Espadas, 113, TKO'd Juan (Monito) Diaz, 112, in six. Juan Herrera, 114, outpointed Mario (Polvorita) Gonzalez, 113, 10. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, 135, halted Jose Luis Castillo, 136, in four. Mariano Garma, 119, outscored Antonio Gallegos, 120, 10. Babe Luis, outpointed Juan Manuel Rios, also 108, 10.
(05-14-83)

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ARGENTINA

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Middleweight Angel Caro outpointed Alfredo Uviedo, 10.
(05-04-83)
▲**FORMOSA**—In a big upset, Jorge Valentinuzzi, who is not in the Argentine ratings, outscored Eduardo Contreras, 10. Both weighed 158.
(05-06-83)
▲**SANTA ROSA**—Luis Bazan, one of the best hopes in the country among the junior middleweights, outpointed Jose Fernandez, 10.
(05-06-83)
▲**LA PLATA**—Former Argentine junior flyweight champion Hector Patri, 109¾, outpointed Alberto Pacheco, 110½, 10.
(05-06-83)
▲**JOSE C. PAZ**—Adolfo Felice, a solid and strong junior featherweight, who will challenge Ramon Dominguez for the Argentine title, outscored Miguel Bonelli, 10.
(05-06-83)
▲**RIO CUARTO**—In two junior lightweight bouts, Daniel Murúa outpointed Mario Vizcaya, 10, and Luis Torelli and Miguel Legúia drew 10.
(05-06-83)
▲**LA RIOJA**—South American bantamweight champion José Rufino Narvaez retained his title through a draw with Ramón Soria, the Argentine champion, 12. Previously, in December, 1981, Soria had halted Narvaez in four to win the Argentine title. Narvaez have been campaigning well during 1982 and 1983. Consequently, a third bout could be useful to define the situation.
(05-06-83)
▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Carlos Velazquez outpointed Juan Valdez, 10, junior middleweights, Hector Argañaraz won by a disqualification over Alberto Aragon in three, featherweights.
(05-06-83)
▲**ROJAS**—South American light heavyweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon, Uruguay, knocked out Argentine Ruben Paredes in one.
(05-06-83)
▲**TRELEW**—Unbeaten welterweight Enrique Sallago upped his record to 26-0-1 (16 kayoes) by outpointing Osvaldo Barreda. This was a key step in Sallago's career because Barreda held him to the only draw in his record. In a preliminary bout, Abel Moraga outpointed Hector Martinez, six, flyweights.
(05-06-83)
▲**VILLA HUIDOBRO**—Luis Musa, second in the Argentine lightweight ratings, outpointed Alfredo Chavez, 10. Welterweight Osmar Ochoa outscored Panamanian Jorge Pino, 10.
(05-06-83)
▲**SAN RAFAEL**—Gerónimo Luquez outscored Norberto Reyna, 10, lightweights.
(05-06-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Ublado (Ubi) Sacco retained his South American junior welterweight title by destroying Jose Da Silva Rodrigues, Brazil, in less than two minutes of the first round. Sensational young bantamweight Oscar (Rocky) Flores halted Ricardo Ramirez in four. He remains unbeaten.
Lucio Lopez outpointed Raul Gomez, six, junior featherweights.
Carlos Pereya and Alberto Claria drew, six, junior welterweights.
(05-07-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Victor Robledo, a young light heavyweight who improves everyday, outpointed Juan Carlos Rodriguez, 10.
(05-12-83)
▲**CATAMARCA**—Luis Soto outpointed Pedro Armando Gutierrez, 10, lightweights.
(05-12-83)
▲**POSADAS**—Former world champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Felix Colman, 10. Both weighted 118.
(05-12-83)
▲**SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO**—Argentine featherweight champion Fernando Sosa, based in Mar del Plata (the main sea resort in the country), returned to his native town to halt Hugo Fernandez in eight.
(05-12-83)
▲**TOSTADO**—Welterweight Ramon Abeldaño knocked out Juan Carlos Morales in seven.
(05-13-83)
▲**PARANA**—Light heavyweight Cesar Romero halted Hector Rohr in two. Mario Pinto knocked out Carlos Chacon in one, middleweights. Pablo Vega outpointed Juan Orono, six, lightweights. Osvaldo Nóbrega and Hugo Calfupan drew, six, middleweights.
(05-13-83)
▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Welterweight Carlos Prieto halted Rafael Zalazar in six, welterweights.
(05-13-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Junior welterweight Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Hugo Luero, 10.
(05-14-83)
▲**TUCUMAN**—Argentine and South American lightweight champion Lorenzo García outpointed Luis Perez, 10.
(05-20-83)
▲**PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA**—Osmar Ochoa outclassed Hugo Benitez, 10, welterweights.
(05-20-83)
▲**ROSARIO**—Junior middleweight Luis (Chocolate) Peralta outpointed Ernesto Contreras, 10, middlewieghts.,
(05-20-83)
▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Former world champion Sergio Victor Palma, in a very poor performance, halted former Latin American champion Esteban Bustos in six, junior featherweights.
(05-20-83)
▲**SALTA**—South American flyweight champion Ruben Condorí outpointed Ramon H. Albers, 10., Non-title bout.
(05-20-83)
▲**PERGAMINO**—Luis Gerez knocked out Miguel Bonelli in one, bantamweights.
(05-20-83)
▲**TRELEW**—Mario Matthysse outpointed Antonio Rene Suarez, 10.
(05-20-83)
▲**GENERAL PICO**—South American light heavyweight champion Jose María Flores Burlon, Uruguay, halted Aldo Carmona in two.
(05-21-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Carlos Prieto drew with Sergio Combis, 10, welterweights.
(05-21—83)
▲**PERGAMINO**—Unbeaten K.O. artist Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez halted Juan Carlos Rios in three, junior featherweights.
(05-28—83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Junior bantamweight Gustavo Ballas outpointed Armando Romero, 10.
(06-03-83)
▲**CORDOBA**—Flyweight Adrian Roman won by a disqualification over Juan Ivalo in 10.
(06-03-83)
▲**CORRIENTES**—Local light heavyweight Ricardo Arce returned to action by outpointing cruiserweight Candido Barrera, 10.
(06-04-83)
▲**PARANA**—Light heavyweight Juan Carlos Fernandez outpointed Juan Portela, 10.
(06-04-83)
▲**SAN RAFAEL**—Unbeaten junior welterweight Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez knocked out Jose Ignacio Funes in the first round.
(06-04-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Unbeaten bantamweight Oscar (Rocky) Flores, an excellent former amateur and a solid prospect as a professional, halted Marcelo Miranda in six.
(06-08-83)
▲**VILLA INSUPERABLE**—Adolfo Felice outpointed Miguel Angel Vallejos, 10, junior featherweights. Felice's next bout wil be for the Argentine title, facing Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez in Ushuaia on July 6th.
(06-10-83)
▲**GENERAL PICO**—In another big upset, Argentine bantamweight champion Ramon Soria was halted by veteran Luis Gerez in seven. Soria had a comfortable advantage up to the sixth.
(06-10-83)
▲**LA PLATA**—Jorge (Karateca) Medina outpointed Héctor Cácares, 10, junior middleweights.
(06-11-83)
▲**TRELEW**—Unbeaten welterweight Enrique Sallago outpointed Ramon Abeldaño, 10.
(06-11-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez outpointed Armando Romero, 10, junior featherweights.
(06-12-83)
▲**VENADO TUERTO**—The match between Jacinto Fernandez and Eduardo Contreras was declared no contest in the sixth round, middleweights.
(06-17-83)
▲**SANTA FE**—Junior middleweight Carlos Velazquez continued his winning streak by outpointing highly rated Luis (Chocolate) Peralta, 10.
(06-17-83)
▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Argentine featherweight champion successfully defended his title by halting Hugo Villarruel in the 11th round.
(06-17-83)
▲**ROSARIO**—Gustavo Ballas outpointed Roberto Condorí, 10, Junior bantamweights.
(06-17-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Upsets continue in Argentina. After Malvares-Palma and Gerez-Soria, Argentine and South American lightweight champion Lorenzo García surprised everybody, outpointing Argentine and South American junior welterweight champion Ubaldo (Ubi) Sacco through a split decision, 10.
(06-25-83)
▲**SALTA**—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero knocked out Osvaldo Barreda in three.
(06-28-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Mario Demarco, a solid prospect among the junior flyweights, captured the Argentine belt by outpointing veteran Miguel Angel Lazarte, 12.
(06-29—83)
▲**PERGAMINO**—South American light heavyweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon, a locally based Uruguayan, knocked out Jose Rodriguez in seven.
(07-02-83)
▲**BUENOS AIRES**—In 1981, Gustavo Ballas was considered—in Argentina—a little Sugar Ray Leonard. One year later, after two losses abroad, most people thought he was an excellent stylist but needed a psychoanalyst in his corner. The 1983 version of Ballas seems to be more promissory. He married and has a little daughter and, probably, the family group has given more consistency to his personality. The result was seen in Luna Park Stadium on July 2nd. He furiously attacked Luis Gerez in a way that made us think we were watching a Japanese or a Mexican fighter, not Ballas. The result: at 2:50 of the first round, Gerez was on the canvas. He got up at eight, two seconds before the end of the round, but could not come out for the second because, as he declared, 'the whole Luna Park was turning around in my head'. Now Ballas is again thinking of Jiro Watanabe. He has good arguments indeed.
(07-02-83)

BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—Young middleweight Carlos Antunes continued his winning streak by halting Dione Ferreyra in four.
South American champion Francisco de Jesus outpointed Uruguayan Miguel Curbelo, 10, junior middleweights.
New Brazilian hope among the heavyweights Jose Adilson Rodrigues knocked out Francisco Dias in two.
Francisco Tomas de Cruz retained his Brazilian junior lightweight title by outpointing Ercilio Mesias, 12.
(05-13-83)

CHILE

▲**TALCAHUANO**—Benedicto Villablanca, who is waiting for a world title bout with Roger Mayweather, halted mediocre Argentine Dante Serranddilla in five.
(05-21-83)
▲**TALCAHUANO**—Veteran Martin Vargas outpointed Argentine Juan Ivalo, 10.
(07-02-83)

PERU

▲**LIMA**—Local welterweight Pedro Gallardo drew with Argentine Luis Diaz, 10.
Latin American lightweight champion Orlando Romero outpointed Argentine Julio Melone, 10.
(05-21-83)

VENEZUELA

▲**CARACAS**—Jesus Rafael Orono retained his WBC junior bantamweight title by outpointing Mexican Raul Valdez in twelve.
Mauricio Bravo halted Peurto Rican Manuel de Jesus in two, Welterweights.
(05-09-83)
▲**CARACAS**—Dominican Francisco Quiroz halted Argentine Rodolfo Rodriguez in two, flyweights.
(05-30-83)

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲**LONDON—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 143¼, beat Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 147½, the referee intervening in round six with Chance taking punishment on the ropes.
Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 126, outscored Dave Pratt, Leicester, also 126, by 59½-58 over six.
Dave Hall, Leyton, 154¼, didn't lose a round outpointing Robert Jones, Telford, 157, over six by 60-57½.
Australian Mick Rowley, 136¾, based in Merthyr, beat substitute Davey Cox, Northampton, 145, the stoppage coming in round two when the latter was cut by the left eye.
(05-23-83)
▲**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Gary Roberts, Wolverhampton, 112, won the vacant Midlands Area flyweight title by knocking out Cliff Storey, Stoke, 112, a right hand put Storey down near the end of round one. The bell rang at six, but the count continued to 10.
In an excellent crowd pleaser, Michael Marsden, Leeds, 128, narrowly outpointed Charlie Coke, Croydon, 128, over six by 59-58½. Marsden was down in the final round but got up at eight and survived.
Alan Tombs, Hastings, confirmed a previous win by beating Dean (brother of Michael), 128, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been floored by a left hook.
Ian Murray, Manchester, 126, comfortably outscored John Mwaimu, Manchester, also 126, over six by 59½-58.
(04-27-83)
▲**RHYL—Dixieland**—Wayne Crolla, 150, didn't lose a round in outpointing Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 151, over eight by 80-79. Pegler showed the aggression, but had to bow to Crolla's superior skills.
Edward Lloyd, son of promoter Benny Lloyd, 135, also didn't lose a round in outscoring Bobby Welburn, Hull, 139, by 60-57½ over six.
John Langol, Uganda, 160, was the third winner not to lose a round, outpointing Winston Wray, also 160, over six by 60-59. A good crowd pleaser.
Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 146, drew with Dave Heaver, Doncaster,

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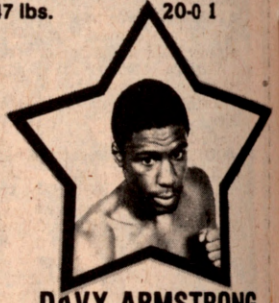

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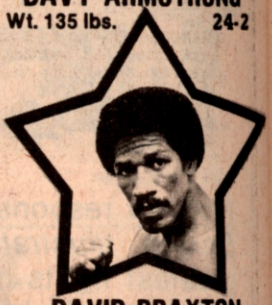

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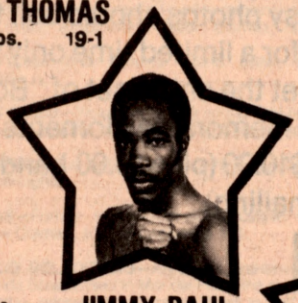

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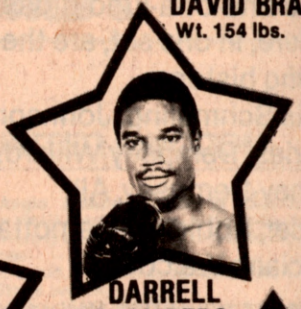

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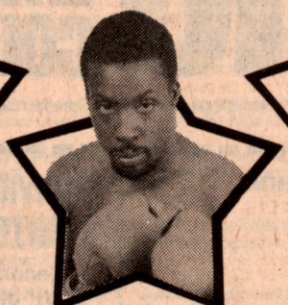

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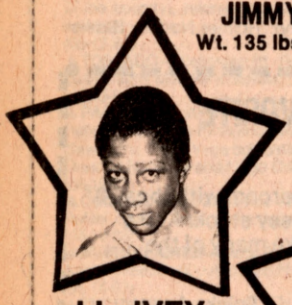

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148, six. Another crowd pleaser, with plenty of action.

This was the first promotion in Rhyl in over 20 years, and there was a full house.
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▲**LEICESTER—Granby Halls**—Chris Pyatt, 154, beat Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 154, the referee intervening in round three after Hartshorn had been floored and was taking punishment.

Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 135½, defeated Wayne Trigg, Nuneaton, 133, the bout being stopped in round three to save the latter from further punishment. Wilson was down in round two, but got up to fight back strongly and put his opponent down in round three with a right hand.

Steve Greaves, Leicester, 154½, outpointed Dave Harrison, Stoke, 156, over six by 59-58. Harrison bled from the nose.

Graham Griffin, Corby, 142, outscored Sammy Rogers, Corby, 137, over four by a narrow 39½-39.

Lee Remekie, Leicester, 135, kayoed Dave Laxen, Ruislip, also 135, in round four with a right.

Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 141, beat Ricky Dean, Leicester, 137½, the referee intervening in round three after Dean had been decked and had stopped fighting back.
(04-28-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 140½, outpointed Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 142, over eight by 79-78. It was Decker's seventh bout without defeat.

Alec Irvine, Leicester, 126½, narrowly outscored Alan Tombs, Hastings, 123½, over eight by 79-78½. A good scrap.

Brett Stiles, Newport, 122, drew with Rocky Bantleman, Hayes, eight.
(05-09-83)

▲**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Dave Pratt, Leicester, 122, easily outpointed George Bailey, Bradford, 121, over eight by 79½-76. This confirmed a previous victory.

Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 145, kayoed Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 146, in round three with a right to the chin.

Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 134, stopped Sammy Rogers, Corby, 135, in round four, flooring him with right hooks. It took Rogers a little while to go back to his corner.

Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 130½, outscored Andy Cassidy, Nottingham, 130, over six—the third time he has beaten Cassidy.
(05-09-83)

▲**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—John Langol, Uganda, 155, beat Gavin Stirrup, Manchester, 154, the referee intervening in round seven after Stirrup had been floored by a right hand.

It was Stirrup's fourth bout, and his first defeat.

Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 145, outscored Terry Welch, Liverpool, 144, over six by 59½-58. Lloyd was down in round three but floored Welch in the following session.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 135, defeated Edward (brother of Robert) Lloyd, the contest being stopped at the end of the opening round when Lloyd was cut by the left eye. The cut needed five stitches.

John Doherty, Bradford, 127, outpointed Les Walsh, Manchester, 126, six.
(05-09-83)

▲**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 159, and Sammy Brennan, Liverpool, 160, drew over 10 rounds for the vacant Central Area middleweight title. When they met previously, in a non-title fight, Ellis won by half a point, but this time he had to put in a rousing rally just to gain a share of the honors.

Neville Fivey, Coventry, 129, outscored Mick Hoolison, Bradford, by a narrow 59½-59 over six.

Alex Romeo, Nottingham, 179, beat Bernie Kavanagh, Liverpool, also 179, the referee intervening in the opening round after Kavanagh had been down and was in no position to defend himself.

Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 151, came in as a substitute and outscored debutant Dave Foley, Doncaster, also 151, over six by a narrow 59-58½.

Debutant Ian Harrison, Manchester, 133, drew with Dave Ketteworth, Leeds, 136, six.
(05-16-83)

▲**LONDON—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Tony Britton, Lewisham, 159, outpointed Rob Wada, Shrewsbury, 160, not losing a round in an 80-77 scoreline over six. But, with a clash of styles, it wasn't a fight to be remembered.

Richard Wilson, Nuneaton, 153¼, outpointed Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 157, by 79½-77 over eight. A hectic scrap, enjoyed by fans, Sheehan sustaining a bruise under the left eye and Wilson going to the hospital with a chest complaint. When they met before, Wilson won on a cut eye stoppage, and on this occasion Sheehan put up a better fight than the scoreline suggests.

Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 141, outpointed Chris Harvey, Stepney, also 141, over six by 59-58½ in a close one.

Chris King, Rainham, 157, outscored Claude Rosse, Derby, 153, not losing a round with a 60-57½ over six. Rosse bled from the mouth and nose.
(05-16-83)

▲**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Andy O'Rawe, 144, 19-year-old welter, made it four wins in a row by outpointing Danny Williams, Hastings, 146, by 59½-57½ over six.

Williams was twice under pressure when the bell rang to end the rounds, and he was down in round two, but he rallied well. It was only his second pro fight, and he deserved his ovation.

Tim Gladwish, Hastings, 140, drew with Dave Cox, Northampton, over six exciting rounds. The fans tossed in £19 nobbins afterwards. Gladwise was making his debut.

Abdul Kareem, Walthamstow, 136, narrowly outscored Ron Shinkwin, Boreham Wood, 137, by 59-58½ over six.

Comfortable victory for Alex Brown, Willesden, 149. Scoreline 59½-58 after six over John Ridgman, Boreham Wood, 148.
(05-10-83)

▲**LONDON—York Hall**—Joey Mack, Birmingham, 149, may be 36 years old, but he is still capable of upsetting the top men, as British title challenger Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 150¾, found to his cost. Mack won by a narrow 78½-78, and had the satisfaction of putting his man on the canvas with a body punch in round six.

True, Derrick got up and put Mack down for seven, but the latter was in no trouble, and the bell rang to end the round. Mack also appeared to win the final session, which was a punch-for-punch affair.

T.P. Jenkins, 162½, won every round in outpointing substitute Paul Murray, Birmingham, 162, over six by 60-57. The latter was down twice in the final session.

Mo Hussein, West Ham, 136, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Les Remekie, Leicester, 136, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Nick Jenkins, 174, outscored Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 176, over six by 59½-58½.
(05-17-83)

▲**MORLEY—Town Hall**—Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 135, beat Mark Davey, Leeds, 135, who was disqualified in round four for persistent misuse of the head. Pritchard had a swelling by the left eye, and Davey was cut above the left. When they met before, Davey won. This was his first defeat after seven wins in a row.

Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 143, beat Bobby McGowan, Leeds, the referee intervening in round five after McGowan had been decked for seven.

Mike Calderwood, Salford, 145½, defeated debutant Mohammad Aslam, 146, the bout being stopped in round five with Aslam cut by the right eye.

Jimmy Thornhill, Sheffield, 135, beat Colin Ruscoe, Manchester, also 135, the stoppage coming in the opening round after the latter had been down twice.

▲**SUNDERLAND—Mecca Centre**—Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 153, outpointed Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 148, over eight by 79½-78. It was his third win in a row. Pratt was down in the opening round, and was marked by both eyes.

Ray Plant, South Shields, 121, drew with John Doherty, Bradford, 126, over eight. Ray was down in round four after being caught off balance.

Alan Storey, Sunderland, 132½, narrowly outpointed Jim Paton, Paisley, 135, over six by 59½-59. Paton was decked in round three by a right hand, and Storey was twice warned for misuse of the head.

George Kerr, Dundee, 139, beat Tony Wilkinson, Sunderland, 143, the bout being halted in round four with the latter taking punishment. It was discovered afterwards that Wilkinson had sustained a sprained muscle in the left shoulder.

Michael Armstrong, Spennymoor, 188, flattened Reg Long, Peterlee, 177, in 0:55 of the opening round with a left hook. Long afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

After 18 months of inactivity, Billy Bryce, Sunderland, 153½, came back and didn't lose a round outscoring Terry Peterson, Leeds, 150, by 60-58 over six.

Peterson, too, was returning after a long spell away—two and a half years.

Debutant Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 138, defeated Sean Dooney, Stockton, 139, the referee intervening in round three. Dooney threw a right which missed and ran into a right that put him down. He rose at three, on shaky legs.

▲**GLASGOW—Normandy Hotel**—Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 144, beat Tom Cooke, Larkhall, also 144, the bout being stopped at the end of round five with the latter cut by the right eye.

Dave Haggarty, Paisley, 137, outscored Keith (brother of Ken) Foreman, 137½, over eight by 79½-78.

Dave Savage, Glasgow, 135½, defeated Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 137, the referee intervening at the end of round five with Keers cut by the left eye.

Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 150, outpointed Steve Metcalfe, Rotherham, also 150, six.

Jim Harvey, Glasgow, 124, outscored Ray Plant, South Shields, also 124, by 59½-58 over six.
(05-23-83)

▲**MANCHESTER—Belle Vue**—James Cook, Peckham, 159, beat Eddie Smith, Manchester, the referee intervening in round six when Smith was shaken by a left hook and had stopped fighting back.

Jonjo Green, Manchester, 175, outscored Alex Penarski, Alfreton, 174½, by a comfortable 78½-77 over eight. Superior workrate did the trick.

Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 156½, defeated Mark Kelly, Crewe, 156, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four with a swelling by the left eye.

Dave Cox, Northampton, 147, stopped Lee Roy, Burslem, also 147, in the sixth and final round, the referee halting the contest to save Roy from further punishment.

Dave Harrison, Stoke, 152, drew with Steve Greaves, Leicester, 154, six.

Steve Tempro, Leicester, 145, outpointed John Lindo, Bradford, 142½, by a narrow 59-58½ in their six-rounder.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Gordon Racette (Canada)
4. Neville Meade (Wales)
5. David Pearce (Wales)
6. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
7. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
8. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
9. Funso Banjo (England)
10. Stewart Lithgo (England)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Tony Mundine (Australia)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Tom Collins (England)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
8. Don LaLonde (Canada)
9. Kid Power (Zimbabwe)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Roy Gumbs (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
4. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
5. Ritchie Roberts (Australia)
6. Mark Kaylor (England)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Errol Christie (England)
9. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)
10. Jimmy Price (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
5. Jimmy Batten (England)
6. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
7. Prince Rodney (England)
8. Brian Anderson (England)
9. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
10. Jimmy Cable (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mark Harris (Guyana)
3. Mario Cusson (Canada)
4. Frank Ropis (Australia)
5. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
6. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
7. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Chris Clarke (Canada)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
6. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
7. Terry Marsh (England)
8. Alan Lamb (England)
9. Willi Tarika (Australia)
10. Vernon Vanriel (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. John Summerhays (Canada)
7. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
10. Tony Willis (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
2. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Paul Huggins (England)
7. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Dennis Talbot (Australia)
10. Jimmy Duncan (England)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (No. Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Peter Jones (Wales)
8. Little Joe (Nigeria)
9. Ray Gilbody (England)
10. Dave George (Wales)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Kid Sumaila (Ghana)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Bobby Williams (Australia)
10. Willie White (Australia)

Junior lightweight champion: Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe). Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Tiger Man (Papua), Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria), John Muwunga (Tanzania).

Over eight, Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 135, outpointed Lee Halford, Leicester, also 135. Scoreline: 79-78.
(05-16-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 137½, outpointed Najib Daho, Manchester, 136½, over eight by 78½-77½. One for the purists, McLeod impressing with his punching, and Daho with his left hand and his speed.

One incident—Daho was not happy with his left glove, and this was changed at the end of round four.

Steve Watt, 147½, outscored Colin Neagle, Merthyr Tydvil, 148, over eight by 79½-77.

Mick Williams, Poplar, 156, defeated Patsy Moore, Perth, 152, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four with a swelling by the right eye. Moore had been inactive for some time.
(05-17-83)

▲**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Robert Dickie, Swansea, 118, gave a fine performance in stopping George Bailey, Bradford, 117, the referee intervening in round three, with Baily cut by the left eye.

However, Bailey had already been down and was taking punishment.

Bobby Williams, Southampton, 162, kayoed Johnny Elliott, Telford, 161, in round two with a left to the head.

Wayne Hawkins, Bloxwich, 163, outpointed Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 158, over six by 59½-58½.

Debutant Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 125, outscored Young Yousouf, Wednesbury, 124, over six by 59½-58. Good crowd pleaser.

Another debutant, Carl Merrett, Newport, 127, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 128, over six by 59½-58.
(05-16-83)

▲**LONDON—Porchester Hall**—Southern Area light heavyweight champ Dennis Andries, Hackney, 178¾, kayoed substitute Chris Lawson, Cardigan, 176, in round four. When they met before, Andries won by an eighth round stoppage. This time, a left hook did the trick, and Lawson was attended by the official medical officer for about a minute before being assisted to his corner.

Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 184½, beat Jerry Golden, Manchester, 180, the referee intervening in round four with Golden under pressure. A good return for Benoit after a period of inactivity.

Tony Rabbetts, Acton, 154, drew with Danny Williams, Hastings, 152, six. Punch-for-punch, and the fans tossed in £16 nobbins.

Sam Reeson, Battersea, 177¼, outscored Calvin Earlington, Peckham, 175, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Alan Ash, Carshalton, 173½, avenged a previous defeat by beating Paul Newman, Bognor, 172, who was retired by his corner at the end of round five with an eye injury.

Mark Crouch, Lewisham, 154, outpointed Kevin Webb, Grove Park, 152, over six by 59½-57½. Webb was down twice. This confirmed a previous victory for Crouch.
(05-19-83)

▲**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 143, outpointed Danny Myers, Northampton, 146, over eight by 79-77. It was his third successive win.

Dave Scott, Telford, 167½, outscored Johnny Elliott, Telford, 169½, over six by 59½-57½. Scott had the skills, Elliott the aggression.

Alan Douglas, Sheffield , 180, beat Deka Williams, West Bromwich, 181, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round with the latter taking punishment.
(04-27-83)

▲**LONDON—Bloomsbury Crest Hotel**—British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Roy Gumbs, 163¼, had no difficulty in disposing of American Jerry Holly, 161¼, knocking him out with a lethal right uppercut at the start of round two.

Holly was out cold, and it was several minutes before he recovered. Happily, he was able to walk from the ring to his dressing room.

Gumbs had been in the shadow of Alan Minter and Tony Sibson for a considerable time. The former has now retired and the latter has had one unsuccessful shot at the world title. So Roy now comes into his own, and there is always talk of a fight with champion Marvin Hagler.

Holly was down from a left hook just before the end of the opening session, but got up at eight. Then, just 34 seconds after the start of the second, came the right uppercut which was perfect in its execution.

Gary Hobbs, Acton, 158½, won the Southern Area middleweight title by beating the holder, Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 160, the bout being stopped at 2:53 of round one after the defending champion had been down three times.

Errol Christie, Coventry, 166¼, defeated Nicaraguan Lino Cajins, 162½, the referee intervening at 2:17 of the opening session after Cajins had been decked by a left hand. He protested at the stoppage, but hadn't seemed too keen on his task.

This was Christie's fifth in a row, the last three in less than a round. He is obviously a fine young prospect.

Another outstanding prospect is Jimmy Pearce, Liverpool, 162, who beat Ugandan John Langol, 158¼, the stoppage coming in round three after the latter had been down three times. It was Pearce's fifth win in a row, and he is improving all the time.

Substitute Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 155¾, outpointed Martin Patrick, Tottenham, 155½, over eight by 79½-77—quite a wide margin. Patrick was hitherto unbeaten, and was down in the final round from a right hand.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 148, defeated debutant Tony Batty, Walthamstow, 146, the referee intervening in round four after Batty had been down and was under pressure. A good fight for the fans.

Another crowd pleaser saw Charlie Coke, Croydon, 130, beat Graham Brett, Bermondsey, 130¾, the contest being halted in the sixth and final round. Coke was down briefly in the opening session, but Brett bled from mouth and nose and looked a weary man as he was put down in the last round. Yet he protested the stoppage.
(05-18-83)

▲**NAVAN—Exhibition Centre**—British featherweight champion Barry McGuigan, beat Frenchman Samuel Meck, the referee intervening in round six after Meck had been down and was taking punishment.

The towel came in from the Frenchman's corner, just as the bout was stopped.

In round four, McGuigan was cut on the left eyelid, and Meck was proving a dangerous opponent. In the following session, a left hook removed Meck's gumshield, and McGuigan really turned it on in round six—his combination punching taking its toll on an opponent now reduced to covering up under those onslaughts.

There were just two seconds of the round remaining when the stoppage came, and McGuigan should be congratulated on overcoming the handicap of an eye injury against a difficult opponent.

The 22-year-old McGuigan was due for a Madison Square Garden date a few weeks later, but the injury caused a postponement.

After a year's inactivity, Dublin heavyweight Paddy Finn beat John Fallon, Hull, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round when Fallon was cut by the left eye.

Welterweight Damien Fryers, Belfast, outpointed Sam Omidi, Plymouth, six.

P.J. Davitt, defeated David Sullivan, Plymouth, the stoppage coming in round seven after the latter had been down three times.

Patsy Quinn, Belfast welter, outpointed Dennis (brother of Dave) Sullivan, Plymouth, eight. This was a Sunday afternoon show, attended by 2,500 fans.
(05-22-82)

RON OLVER

YUGOSLAVIA

▲**SPLIT**—Former European light middleweight champion Marijan Benes stopped Wa Mbayo of Zaire in round six.

Welterweight Ferdinand Packler outscored Zivota Grozdanovic, eight.

Stanko Suhadolnik outpointed Dusan Cavic, six, light middles.

Former amateur star Radosljevic kayoed Branko Markovic in the second round, feathers.

Pozovic outscored Jovanovic, four, light middles.
(03-31-83)

▲**DUBROVNIK**—Nazif Biberovic stopped Cubelic in three, middles.

Featherweight Radosljevic halted Tigan in round three.

Jovanovic and Ivica Perovic drew, four, light middles.

Ferdinand Packler, Austria, kayoed Stanko Suhadolnik in the eighth, light middles.
(04-30-83)

ERIC ARMIT

AFRICA

NIGERIA

▲**LAGOS**—Davidson Andeh added the ABU lightweight crown to his Commonwealth title with a points win over Tapsoba Tiga, Togo, 12. Even the Togolese referee saw Andeh the winner, scoring 8-2-2. Andeh, the former World Amateur champion, has won all of his 17 pro fights, and holds a kayo win over George Feeney.
(04-29-83)

ZAMBIA

▲**LUSAKA**—Lightweight John Sichula halted Steve Sting of Zimbabwe in round three.

Middleweight Patrick Lyampesha outscored Flash Chisango, Zimbabwe, eight.

Cruiserweight Gideon Makashini kayoed Foster Katiba in the second.

Featherweight Alfred Banga outscored Davy Malo Kapili, six.
(01-30-83)

▲**LUSAKA**—Lotte Mwale retained his Commonwealth and ABU light heavy titles by stopping Mustapha Wasajja of Uganda in round three.

Mike Irungu, the brilliant Kenyan bantam, halted local star Francis Musankabala in the third.

John Sichula halted Valentine Kangwa in the fourth round.

Gideon Makashini kayoed Kid Kasempa in round four, light heavies.

Featherweight Flywell Botha outpointed Eddie Mulenga, six.
(03-15-83)

▲**N'DOLA**—Heavyweight Foster Katiba stopped Jack (Jones) Chingwere in the third round.

Lightweight Teddy Makofi halted Musonda Chinungu in round two.

Featherweight Hasti Sankisa outpointed Valentine Kangua, eight.

Lightweight Alfred Banga halted Leza Poko in the fifth.
(04-01-83)

ZIMBABWE

▲**HARARE—Rufaro Stadium**—Paul Ferreri, Australia, retained his Commonwealth bantamweight title by knocking out the young ABU champion, Stix Macloud in the ninth. The 23-year-old African boxed well, and was ahead on point until the 35-year-old champion softened him up with several good left hooks and flattened him with a powerful right.

Langton (Schoolboy) Tinago, Zimbabwe, won the vacant Commonwealth junior lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Safui Okebaden of Nigeria. Tinago gave the Nigerian a boxing lesson all the way, and was an easy winner.

The ABU heavyweight title bout between Kilimanjaro and Joe Kalala was cancelled when Kalala missed his flight from Ghana.
(05-07-83)

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Two national title bouts made up the card. Hard-hitting Mitsuo Imazato, 118, amazed the crowd with his furious opening attacks, and stunned them again with an upset kayo of Shuichi Isogami, 118, the Japanese bantamweight champion, at 2:17 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Isogami tried to cover up, but Imazato's merciless rallies banged him out. The new champ Imazato, 21, bettered his log to 14-6 with six kayoes. Isogami, 27, fell to 30-5-4 with 19 stoppages.

Imazato is the first champ Fighting Harada has cultivated since he opened his own Club 12 years ago. Ryoji Kashiwagi, referee.

In the main event, national featherweight champion Eijiro Kuruma, 126, retained his crown via a 10-round draw with lefty Gen Tosa, also 126. A disputed draw, as Kuruma seemed to have the edge. The defending champ dropped Tosa with a short right in the sixth.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 98-97, Tosa; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 99-97, Kuruma; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 98-98.

Kuruma, a rugged infighter, is now 19-5-3 with six kayoes. Tosa, six years his senior at 30, is 12-5-1 with five knockouts.

In a supporting 10, Hikaru Tomonari, the JBC's top junior lightweight contender at 132½, barely took a decision from Koji Sengoku, 132¼. Having been kayoed by Yoshimitsu Azato last November, Tomonari lacked his usual sharpness. Tomonari, 27, is now 21-6-1 with 10 kayoes. Sengoku, 20, fought far better than expected and is now 9-3-1 with one kayo.

In the first 10, Kazuhiko Yasuda, the JBC's number two welterweight at 146¼, amazingly suffered a knockout at the hand of Kozo Fukutani, 146¾, in 2:57 of the fifth session. Yasuda, former winner of the Novice King tourney, was neither sharp nor powerful and took a lot of punishment. Yasuda is 7-5-1 with five kayoes. Fukutani, four years his senior at 24, is 9-3 with seven knockouts.

Kazushi Maehara, 131¼, stopped Kenjiro Kawai, 131¾, at 0:55 of the second session in a scheduled six.

Yusuke Matsumura, 112, outpointed Makoto Sawmura, 112, in the four-round opener.

This was a special card in commemoration of the retirement of Shoji Oguma, the former two-time WBC flyweight champion.

Oguma, a cool and diligent boxer, is respected by every Japanese fighter because of his personality and fighting spirit. Shoji, 31, said "I'm very thankful for the good guidance of Mr. Shichiro Kimura, my manager, and for the continual support of many, many fight fans during my career."

The overall record of Shoji Oguma was 38-10-1, including 20 knockouts.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,500.
(04-28-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Leo (Takashi) Suzuki, 118½, the JBC's fifth ranked bantamweight, won a unanimous nod over Kanji Itsukaichi, 120, eight. Suzuki, 21, is 12-1 with four kayoes. Itsukaichi, 27, is 5-8-1: Lefty Ryuji Ikeda, 107½, eked out a majority decision over Ikuo Watanabe, 108, six.

Four rounders: Having been scouted by Misako Promotions, Kenan Nakama, the latest All-Japan high school champ and younger brother of national junior flyweight champ Kentoku Nakama, made his pro debut. Kenan, 107½, disposed of Yukimasa Higa, 106¾, at 2:43 of the second round. Though very short, Kenan looks promising Shinichi Enomoto, 125½, drew with Masaru Matsumoto, 125¾. Lefty Isamur Sakuma, 120¾, won a majority duke from Masayuki Kamima, 121½. Eiji Kikusaki, 143, stopped Yosuke Untanki, 147, at 2:58 of the second round. Masahiki Kubota, 107½, finished Nobutatsu Sakauchi, 107½ at 1:23 of the opening session. Takanobu Chinone, 120¾, stopped Kazuya Tomitsugu, 121½, at 1:51 of the second canto. Tetsuya Muraoka, 110, beat Toshiki Kawabata, 110¼, on points. Tomoyoshi Sugawa, 121, halted Kazuhiro Sakai, 120¼, at 0:50 of the second round in the opener.

Soka-Arisawa Promotions.

Attendance—1,000.
(04-05-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten Takuya Muguruma, 126, Osaka, faced rugged Fusao Imai, the JBC's top junior featherweight contender at 126, and surprisingly flattened the lat-

ter in 0:29 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Muguruma, Japan's number three featherweight, is a sophomore at Kinki University.

The young winner is 12-0 with seven kayoes. Imai fell to 11-6 with two knockouts.

In the semi-final eight, sensational Nobuyuki Tabata 139½, barely ran his unbeaten log to 9-0 (nine kayoes), as he caught Nobutaka Kuwada, 140, in the final session and halted him at 2:13. The 6' Tabata, this year's Novice King tourney winner, was outlegged by Kuwada until midway in the bout, but scored two knockdowns in the last round, and referee Yusaku Yoshida stopped the contest. Kuwada dropped to 7-9-1 with five kayoes.

In the first 10, prohibitive favorite Rusher Kawaguchi, 122, was TKO'd by Marciano (Masami) Sekiyama, also 122, at 2:10 of the second session. Sekiyama looked amazingly sharp and powerful. He dropped Kawaguchi, the JBC's ninth ranked featherweight, with heavy left hooks in the first round, and his follow-up in the next round caused referee Uchida to declare a halt. Kawaguchi fell to 9-3 with four kayoes. Sekiyama upped his log to 16-9 with 14 knockouts.

Four rounders: Hisao Ishido, 117, stopped Toru Onodera, 117¼, at 2:57 of the second round. Koji Nishikawa, 112, won a majority nod over Shunji Tsuchiya, 111. Kazutoshi Yoshida, 126, finished T.U. Sasaki, 125, at 1:48 of the opening canto. Morihide Yamashiro, 131¾, stopped Kazuhi Yamahan, 134, at 0:52 of the first round. Takayuki Sakai, 112½, disposed of Naoki Morioka, 114, at 2:56 of the second session in the opener.

Kyokuto Miyoshi Promotions in association with Teiken Promotions.

Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000.

▲OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Japanese welterweight champion Junya Kushikino, 146, proved too strong for Shoji Okishima, 147, and stopped him at 1:41 of the eighth round to retain his title for the sixth time. Kushikino, 29, dropped his challenger once in the second and twice more in the eighth. Kushikino is now 22-13 with 17 knockouts. Okishima is 7-5-1 with two kayoes. Ryoji Kashiwagi, referee.

In the semi-final 10, Joe Tatsuki, the JBC's eighth ranked junior lightie at 128, needed only 135 seconds of the first round to drop Masaaki Miyata, 128, thrice. Referee Uenaka declared an automatic stoppage. Tatsuki, a short lefty puncher, is 12-7 with eight kayoes. Miyata, a glass jawed left hooker, fell to 10-7 with eight knockouts.

The first 10 saw highly ballyhooed rookie Satoshi Shingaki, 111, halt Filipino Oscar Gonzales, 109, at the end of the fourth round. Oscar revealed his glass jaw against the 5'7½" lefthander. The loser hit the deck in the fourth round, and failed to answer the bell to begin the next frame. Shingaki is 4-0 with three knockouts. He is scheduled to face ex-OPBF champ Yong-Hyun Kim, Korea, in his next bout. But it seems a bit too ambitious a step.

Unbeaten Yoshikazu Kurashita, 112, disposed of Hiroyuki Aikata, also 112, at 1:12 of the second round in a scheduled six. The winner is 3-0.

Four rounders: Ryoji Yamamoto, 115, stopped Takezo Yamazaki, 117½, at 1:41 of the third round. Michio Kawakami, 124, stopped Koichi Kizu, 125¼, at 1:17 of the third round in the opener.

Shinko Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—4,800.

(04-18-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Lanky lefty Koji Kobayashi, the WBC's ninth ranked junior bantamweight, at 114¾, got out of his slump and scored a fine kayo over Korean Chan-Soo Chung, 113¾, at 2:58 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Koji floored the game Korean with a sharp left in the first round. Chung kept on coming forward, but he was wide open, and Koji's combinations were effective. In the fatal frame, Chung took two standing counts, and ref Hiroyuki Tezaki called a halt. Koji is now 19-1-2 with 13 knockouts. Chung, who fought very gamely, is 10-7-3 with six kayoes.

In a supporting 10, Ryutaro Otsuki, 140½, stopped Korean Yong-Dae Kim, 140½, at 0:30 of the sixth round. Otsuki, 24, is 11-4 with eight knockouts. Kim, who tasted his first kayo loss in Japan, dropped to 11-6-2 with four kayoes.

Unbeaten winner of the latest *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, Tadashi Kuramochi, 107¼, scored a lucky TKO win over Yoshito Sueki, 108, at 2:54 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. The loser's bleeding over the eyebrow caused the stoppage.

Kuramochi, 21, is now 10-0-1 with three kayoes.

Yasumasa Kawade, 115, outpointed Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 114¼, six.

Four rounders: Masato Tanaka, 107¾, won from Tetsuo Nogami, also 107¾. (Tanaka turned pro last November after compiling an amateur record of 37-6 with 20 RSCs.) Teruyuki Shimada, 122, knocked out Ryuichi Konishi, 121, in 0:27 of the third round. Yukishige Kanda, 153¾, drew with Kazud Murakami, 153. Nozomu Okuda, 111½, outpointed Ryuji Umeda, 112. Shinji Ozawa, 111¼, TKO'd Hitoshi Sato, 111¾, at the end of the second round. (Ozawa dropped Sato with a straight right midway in the first canto.) Toshio Sawada, 107¼, made short work of Toshiyuki Sato, 108, demolishing him with a flurry of punches in the first round in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,500.

(04-19-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Akio Kameda, the Japanese junior welterweight champ at 139¾, proved a bit too sharp for Hammer (Yutaka) Itoi, 139¾, scoring three knockdowns and a kayo at 2:01 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Yusaku Yoshida, referee.

In the semi-final 10, Hiroyuki Kobayashi, the JBC's third ranked junior featherweight at 122, attacked Satoshi Koguchi, 121½, and disposed of him at 2:49 of the sixth round. Kobayashi, piloted by Kenji Yonekura, is now 12-5 with 10 knockouts. Koguchi dropped to 7-5 with seven kayoes.

Lefty Ryuji Tanimura, 114½, eked out a majority nod (double 59-58 and 59-59) over Yoichi Shirakawa, 114, six.

Keigo Furuta, 126, halted of Hiroaki Kikuchi, 125¼, at 1:01 of the second round.

Four rounders: Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, 114, made a good start and halted Kazuichi Murata, 114¾, at 2:23 of the third canto. Moriyoshi Wada, 117½, polished off Kazumi Tanaka, 117, at 1:55 of the first round in the opener.

Kokusai Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(04-25-83)

▲NAGASAKI—Nagasaki International Arena—Flyweight sensation Yoshiyuki Uchida's kayo streak was stopped at eleven, as he was held to a majority draw by Yasuo Azato, 112, a more experienced lefty, 10. Uchida, 111½, was expected to score an easy kayo, for Azato had been on a losing streak. But the nervous Uchida failed to show his vaunted power.

Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida and judge Hidetake Shinohara, 97-97 and 98-98, respectively; judge Hisao Yamazaki, 97-96, Azato. In the fifth, Uchida almost toppled Azato with a couple of right shots, but he couldn't follow up effectively. Uchida, 23, is now 11-1-1 with 11 kayoes. Azato, 26, is 13-6-4 with six knockouts. Uchida had better learn how to defend himself. He still looks amateurish. Muken (Shigeru) Kawasaka, 147½, halted Kazunori Shiratori, 147¾, at 0:46 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Yusaku Yoshida, referee.

Hideki Ishida, 126¼, outpointed Hiroshi Yamaguchi, 126½, six.

Four rounders: Tatsuya Sugi, 111¼, won from Shinichi Ogawa, 111. Tadashi Matsumura, 125½, halted Fumikazu Yamashita, 124½, at 1:33 of the opening canto. George Fukuoka, 139¼, decisioned Buffalo Miyamoto, 139¾. Akira Shudo, 122, knocked out Yusuki Yamamoto, 122, in 1:25 of the second round in the opener.

Victory Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.

(04-16-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Eleven four-rounders made up the card. A former amateur boxer from Shangrila, nay Nepal, made a successful pro debut. He is Bishnu Malakar, 129, who stopped Masaki Kitabatake, 127¾, at 2:35 of the second round. Malakar, 22, boxed in the Olympic Games in 1980. He came to Japan and entered Kyokuto Miyoshi Gym. Bishnu was a wild swinger, but he had his opponent take two standing counts and scored a TKO win. (His amateur record was 45-5 with 19 RSCs.) Taichi Okada, 125¾, kayoed Yoshio Sugano, 123¾, in 2:06 of the fourth round. Toyoharu Aizawa, 140, outscored Hiroyuki Kanayama, also 140. Yozo Shigesawa, 125¾, drew with Hitoshi Shindo, 125. Kazunori Sugano, 139½, finished Toshimitsu Morii, 138½, at 1:11 of the second canto. Noriyuki Ota, 128¾, made short work of Akihiro Torisawa, 129½, stopping him at 1:16 of the first round. Tomoyuki Oya, 127, won from Katsumi Hashiguchi, 129½. Shigeki Matsui, 143¼, took only 113 seconds to halt Kansho Tsutakago, 146¼, at 1:53 of the opening session. Masami Fuji, 129½ stopped Hiroshi Iwakiri, 128¼, at 2:02 of the second round. Yoshio Fukuda, 106, outscored Seiji Sakurada, 107. Yoshimi Kikuchi, 111¼, finished Tomi Itokazu, 108¼, at 1:50 of the second round in the opener.

Attendance—1,600.

(04-13-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) junior lightweight champion Tae-Jin Moon, 130, stalked his elusive challenger Albert Duldulao, Filipino titlist at 130, and eventually caught him with his southpaw lefts, and knocked him out in 0:48 of the eighth round of a scheduled 12. This was Moon's third defense since he won the OPBF crown with an upset kayo over Young-Sae Oh in December, 1981. Scoring at the end of seven: referee Yusaku Yoshida (Japan) and judge Hwan-Soo Yuh (Korea), 69-65 and 70-67, respectively, both for Moon; judge Lope Sarreal, Jr. (Philippines), 67-66 for the Filipino. Moon, the WBA's second ranked contender, improved his log to 22-1-1 with 11 kayoes. Albert fell to 32-3-1 with six knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, former WBC flyweight champ Prudencio Cardona, 112½, was held to an upset draw by Korean titlist Soon-Jung Kang, also 112½. Cardona was the aggressor in the first half, but the younger Kang kept boring in in the last half. Scoring: referee Kang-Woo Lee and Hwan-Soo Yuh, 97-97 and 99-99, respectively; judge Jin-Kuk Kim, 99-97, Cardona.

Cardona's record is now 32-6-1 with 25 kayoes. Kang is 14-3-1, no knockouts.

Tae-Yung Choi, 127¼, stopped Kuk-Kap Kim, 127¾, at 0:55 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Sung-Moon Choi, 120¼, outpointed Jung-Pyo Kim, also 120¼, eight.

Chang-Young Chung, 111, decisioned Keum-Dong Park, 112½, in the four-round opener.

Hoyun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-02-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Having been held to a draw in their first meeting, Heung-Sok Yuh, the WBA's ninth ranked lightie at 138, won a close decision over Japanese Cheyenne Yamamoto, 136¼, 10. No knockdowns. Yuh upped his record to 15-1-2 with 11 kayoes. Yamamoto impaired to 12-5-5 with six knockouts.

Chong-Chul Park, 117¾, retained his Korean bantamweight crown by taking a unanimous decision over Jung-Woo Chun, 118, the KBC's number seven contender, 10. Park is now 14-3-4 with two knockouts. Chun is 7-5-1 with three kayoes.

In the first 10, ex-Korean junior flyweight boss Soo-Nyun Mah, 110¾, drew with Bi-Won Chung, 111. Mah is now 8-2-5 with two kayoes. Chung remained unbeaten with a 10-0-2 log with three kayoes.

Jung-Tae Huh, 129, fought to a draw with Kyung-Hyun Cho, also 129, eight.

Wan-Chul Kim, 131¾, stopped Chang-Yun Lee, 131, at 1:20 of the opening session in a six.

Ro-Jun Park, 118½, drew with Kyung-Won Lee, 120¾, in the four-round opener.

Soon-Chong Suh's Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.

(04-03-83)

▲INCHON—Soonin Gymnasium—Ex-Korean champ Kap-Chul Shin, 114, lost an upset decision to Filipino Allan Makitoki, 114¼, 10. Shin impaired to 10-6-4 with two kayoes.

The semi-final saw another ex-champ, Ho-Chul Pyon, 110¾, outpoint Filipino Edward Bucton, 110, 10. Pyon is now 16-6-1 with five kayoes.

Ho-Man Kim, 124½, stopped Sang-Don Lee, 124, at 2:59 of the eighth and final round.

Jun-Oh Choi, 110¾, dropped a decision to Ha-Shik Yim, 111, six.

Four rounders: Yong-Bin Kim, 131¾, stopped Chong-Sung Cha, 131½, at 2:15 of the fourth round. Chang-Ho Chun, 109, outscored Sung-Kyu Park, 109¾. Duk-Han Bae, 119¼, won from Kuk-Yung Bang, 118¾. Kap-Dong Park, 114¼, halted Chun-Woo Goo, 113¾, at 2:43 of the second round in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions.

(04-03-83)

▲MASAN—Masan Indoor Gymnasium—Korean junior welterweight champ Hwang Woo, 145, caught Ernie Cruz, 144 Guam, and demolished him at 2:58 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Hwang, who became the national champ in January, is now 13-1-3 with four kayoes.

Tae-Kuk Park, 133½, stopped Yong-Wok Kim, also 133½, at 1:15 of the eighth and final round.

Yun-Hi Kim, 114½, outpointed Keun-Sop Han, 113¼, eight. Chul-Hi Yun, 131¾, drew with Gun-Sok Kim 131¾, six.

Four rounders: Wun-Yong Yuh, 123¾, stopped Sung-Yong Eou, 123¾, at 2:51 of the first canto. Chung-Won Chong, 123, outpointed Yong-Man Chun, also 123, in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.

(04-09-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—OPBF middleweight champ Chong-Pal Park, 163, the WBC's 20th ranked contender, has had difficulty finding challengers to fight him in the Orient, so he faced imported Mexican Antonio Reyva, 162½, finishing him at 1:54 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Park, though lacking the finesse of a world rated fighter, boasts of a record of 28-2-1 with 27 kayoes. Reyva, who had once been kayoed by In-Chul Baek (the OPBF junior middleweight boss), dropped to 22-6-3 with 12 kayoes.

The semi-final saw Chan-Yun Park, 119, defeat Mexican Atan Uribe Perez, also 119, on points, 10.

Son-Heng Lee, 141, and Tae-Wong Kang, 142½, fought to a technical draw due to the former's injury at 0:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Dong-Yul Yun, 122¼, stopped Yung-Gu Park, also 122¼, at 3:00 of the second round. Yang-Soo Park, 119, disposed of Yong-Ho Kim, 118¼, at 0:38 of the fourth and final session.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(04-10-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Chong-Soo Lee, 119½, the KBC's second ranked bantie, fought to a draw with Filipino Jun Simbajon, 119, 10. Lee is now 18-5-2 with 14 kayoes. Jun, the brother of Mar Simbajon, is 31-8-6 with 21 knockouts.

In the semi, Duk-Hwan Bae, 123¾, the KBC's third ranked junior featherweight, outscored Filipino Little Bangoyan, 125¼, 10. Bae is now 12-3-1 with six kayoes. Banyogan fell to 18-6-2 with nine knockouts.

Do-Jun Shin, 114, was knocked out by Yun-le Moon, 113½, in 2:11 of the seventh canto.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 117¼, drew with Heu-Yul Yang, also 117¼, eight.

Four rounders: Min-Soo Park, 124, decisioned Hyun-Il Kim, 125¼. Sok-Jun Hong, 113¼, drew with Yong-Sung Lee, 112¾. Jin-Heun Choi, 113, outpointed Yun-Ha Lee, 114½, in the opener.

Wa-Ryong Yuh's Waryong Promotions. MBC TV.

(04-17-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Unbeaten hope Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's third ranked junior welterweight at 139¼, proved too fast and strong for ex-Japanese champ Tatsuya Moriyasu, 138¾, stopping him at 1:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Lee, a sharp boxer-puncher, is now 27-0 with 22 knockouts. He should meet international top notchers in order to verify his high WBA ranking. Moriyasu, a peekaboo stylist, impaired to 12-16 with six kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw Won-Taek Choi, 129, halt Jung-Tae Huh, also 129, at 1:10 of the seventh. Choi, the KBC's second ranked featherweight, is now 7-2-2 with two kayoes. Huh fell to 7-10-5 with two kayoes.

Ho-Man Kim, 125, outpointed Joung-Ho Lee, 124¾, eight.

Chong-Hong Choi, 110, and In-Kyu Hwang, 109, drew, six.

Four rounders: Yun-Ho Park, 112¼, won from Tae-In Moon, 112. Dong-Chul Kim, 118¾, decisioned Duk-Man Bae, 119. Chong-Dae Yim, 114½, won from Joo-Ho Kwon, 114¼. Yung-Bu Park, 141¼, stopped Hyung-Shik Chung, 140¾, at 2:41 of the second round. Sung-Rok Han, 135, outscored Kyn-Tak Ji, 135¾, in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-23-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Having been beaten by Don Curry in the WBA welterweight eliminator, OPBF welterweight champ Jun-Sok Hwang, 150¾, engaged in a non-title tenner with Mexican Rafael Nunez, 151¼, stopping him in 3:07 of the third round. Hwang, a rugged swinger, overwhelmed the Mexican contender from the start and pummeled him into submission. Hwang is 22-1 with 14 knockouts. Nunez, in his first appearance in Korea, dropped to 23-4 with 18 kayoes.

Another Mexican victim was Jose Manuel Diaz, 109¾, who collapsed at the hands of Moon-Jin Choi, 110, at 2:44 of the fourth canto in the semi-final 10. Choi isn't a hard-hitter, and his rare kayo win improved his log to 15-2-2 with two kayoes. Diaz, reportedly ranked second in the junior flyweight division in Mexico, fell to 9-4 with seven knockouts.

Four rounders: Byung-Chul Ban, 108, stopped Kwang-Soo Park, 107½, at 0:45 of the fourth and final session. Chong-Ho Shin, 112, kayoed Keun-Pil Chung, 112. Chun-Dae Yang, 120½,

halted Chul-Joo Choi, 121¼, of Sung-Ro Lee, 111, in 3:08 of the first round. Man-Shik Yun, 118, decisioned Man-Hi Chang, 118½, in the opener.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(04-24-83)

▲**CHINJU—Chinju Gymnasium—**Many Mexican fighters have come to Korea because of that country's bad inflation. Jesus Hernandez, 134¼, was one of them, and proved one of those who were beaten by Korean punchers. The winner was Il-Bok Lee, the WBC's seventh ranked super featherweight at 132, by a fine kayo in 1:48 of the third round. Lee remains unbeaten since his loss to Jorge Alvarado in 1982. Il-Bok, a tall but rough southpaw, improved his log to 25-3 with 16 knockouts.

Sang-Wo Choi, 137¾, outscored Han-Yung Choi, 137½, eight.

Sun-Hi So, 118, drew with Jung-Kuk Lee, 117½, eight. Wo-Yong Kim, 110¼, and Yuk-Dong Ahn, 109¾, drew, six.

Four rounders: Yung-Ho Joo, 110, stopped Keun-Chun Yu, 110, at 2:25 of the first round. Byung-Yong Song, 114, outpointed Kun-Shik Kang, 113½, in the opener.

Hoyun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-24-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**OPBF flyweight champ Hi-Sop Shin, 112½, the WBC's sixth ranked contender, outsped and outpunched taller Filipino Edward Bucton also 112½, and stopped him at 0:56 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. It was Shin's first appearance since he dethroned Hong-Soo Yang early this year. Shin, a very sharp south-paw, is now 25-1-1 with 11 kayoes. (His sole defeat came against current WBC light flyweight champ Jung-Koo Chang in four rounds years ago.)

Hyng-Shik Lim, 117¾, drew with Sang-Moon Lee, 117¼, eight.

Kwon-Ho Noh, 118¾, disposed of Byung-Sok Park, 119¼, at 2:05 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Four rounder: Bong-Chun Park, 128, drew with Bea-Duk Kim, 127½. Yong-Chan Lee, 130¼, won from Joo-Chul Yum, also 130¼. Jung-Bok Kwon, 113¾, halted Kun-Jin Byun, also 113¾, at 1:22 of the third round. Jung-Moon Kim, 115¾, stopped Tae-Chun Soum, 116¾, at 0:49 of the first round in the opener.

Hoyun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-30-83)

▲**GUNSAN—Gunsan Gymnasium—**Jae-Hyung Yuh, 153¼, is the younger brother of former WBA junior middleweight champ Jae-Do Yuh. Yuh, Korean champ in the same class, had an easy time in his defense, stopping Chil-Do Bae, at 1:50 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Bae's record fell to 1-5-1 with one kayo. In other words, it was a mismatch. Yuh is 16-3 with 12 kayoes.

Sung-Hyun Yuh, 130¼, drew with Wan-Chul Kim, 130, eight. Kyung-Yang Kim, 129, and Song-Hwa Jin, also 129, fought to a draw, eight. Hyun-Tae Kim, 131¾, outscored Yong-Bin Kim, 132¼, six.

Four rounders: Hun-Ho Park, 126¾, decisioned Byung-Nam Oh, 127. Hi-Chul Kim, 113¾, won from Sun-Ho Kim, 114½. Chang-Ho Kim, 109¾, outpointed Sung-Kyu Park, also 109¾, in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions.

(04-30-83)

JOE KOIZUMI and YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▲**QUEZON—Araneta Coliseum—**Filipino junior flyweight champion Dodie (Boy) Penalosa, 107¾, won the OPBF crown by stopping Korean Sung-Nam Kim, 107¼, the defending champ, at the end of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Dodie displayed his aggressive punching and dropped the durable southpaw thrice—once in the second and twice more in the 11th. All the knockdowns were produced by Dodie's powerful right hand. Though Kim fought back in round three, Dodie dominated the next three frames with his aggressiveness. The ninth canto saw Kim streaming blood from a gash over the right eyebrow. After Kim's two visits two the deck in the 11th stanza, the Korean was examined by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board) physician between rounds. His cornermen then wisely forced him to retire, and referee Ken Morita of Japan raised Dodie's hand.

Judges were Atty. Alejadro Francisco (Philippines) and Kwang-Soo Kim (Korea), both of whom had scored for Penalosa prior to the stoppage.

Filipino flyweight kingpin Frank Cedeno, 115, the WBC's sixth ranked contender, proved too strong for Guy Williams, 112, and knocked him out in the fourth round of the semi-final 10. Valertano Deogariza, referee.

Having been kayoed by Hector Camacho in the U.S., southpaw Johnny Sato, 136, halted ex-OPBF lightweight boss Young-Ho Oh, 135½, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Amy Pacana, 134½, won a unanimous nod over Lito Pena, 133½, 10.

Pablo Pepito, 114½, decisioned Celso Areglo, 118, 10.

Boy Morales, 123, fought to a technical draw with Noli Macobos, 127, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Edel Geronimo, 114½, won a majority nod over Rey Tarrosa, 115, six.

Lito Zarda, 112, barely outscored Teddy Mondejar, 110, in the six-round opener.

Alberto Antonio, promoter, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente & Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.

Attendance—5,000.

(03-18-83)

▲**CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum—**Filipino junior welterweight champion Ruben Rabago, 140, showed his strength and ringcraft in scoring a TKO win over Danilo Limpahan, also 140, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round title bout.

The semi-final saw rising Lorenzo Nabuab, 135, stop Del Contado, 134¼, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Ruben Guineta, 124, fought to a split draw with Cesar Amasan, 124½, 10.

Noel Tibay, 113½, earned a unanimous decision from Josue Agcang, also 113½, 10. Young Depio, 116, lost a majority verdict to Rudy Grande, also 116, in the first 10.

Alejandro Suansing, promoter.

(03-06-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—**Having moved up to the welterweight class, Mar Simbajon, 143, won a unanimous decision over Romy Angeles, 143¾, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Rene Busayong, 112½, unanimously outscored Nick Mitra, 111½, 10.

Dionisio Castillo, 140½, decisioned Rocky Romy, 141½, six.

Eugene Morados, 111½, won from Boy Cua, 112½, six.

Four rounders: Tanny Savior, 111½, barely outpointed Mario Ramos, 116. Aki Caparoso, 119½, TKO'd Efren Aranas, 119. Momong Manaay, 124, beat Charles Cabubas, 126. Ric Pornillos, 106, decisioned Rene Mahinay, 106, in the opener.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprise, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(03-02-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana Racing Club—**Amado Cabato, 119½, the GAB's second ranked bantie, was held to a technical draw by Ernie Cataluna, also 119½, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Major V. Deocariza, promoter.

Alan Makitoki, 113, the GAB's number three flyweight, outscored Raul Nobel, also 113, in the semi-final 10.

This card was made up of those two bouts only.

Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.

(03-04-83)

▲**BAMBANG, NUEVA VIRCAYA—**Rene Sedayon, 123, the GAB's ninth ranked junior featherweight, dropped a unanimous decision to Johnny Gallardo, 122½, 10. Thanks to this upset win, Gallardo enter the GAB's top 10. Pedro Flores, referee.

Abel Magracia, 118¾, and Ed Alcala, 117, fought to a split draw, 10.

Danny Canada, 126, eked out a split nod over Clem Gonzaga, 125½, 10.

Walter Vasquez, 124, TKO'd Danilo Martinez, 125, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Joen Sibulan, 119, outpointed Little Freddie, 120, six.

Four rounders: Francisco Cabalin, 122, drew with Anthony Garbriel, also 122. Noel Flores, 146, decisioned Glicerio Beloy, 145, in the opener.

Felimon Vasquez, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(03-05-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY—**Little Balsigan, 130¼, eked out a split verdict over Fel Salvador, 130, 10. Tom Evaristo, referee.

Rocky Arsenio, 115, unanimously whipped Mar Timbal, 114, 10.

Johnny Magastino, 135, TKO'd Jun Gonzales, 139, in the fourth canto of their scheduled 10.

Ray Tayaban, 131, stopped Jerry Escolano, 130, in the ninth round of another scheduled 10.

Little Segan, 127, outpointed Ver Gaise, 129, 10.

Dado Danglose, 124, decisioned Alejandro Tipon, 125, six.

Tony Agalatiw, 112, won from Lou Marabe, Jr., 108, six.

Ernie Alatiw, 112, stopped Mar Aquino, Jr., also 112, in the second session of the four-round opener.

Felixberto Jarnenil, promoter.

Leonardo Trinidad & Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(03-05-83)

▲**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—**Jun Simbajon, 118, the GAB's top bantamweight contender defeated Flash Jagdon, also 118, former Filipino champ, by a unanimous decision, 10.

The semi-final 10 saw Jongjong Pacquing, 130, the top lightie of the GAB, scored a TKO victory over Ric Dolotallas, also 130, in the 10th and final session.

Little Baguio, 112, unanimously decisioned Rolly Atillo, also 112, 10.

Pat Bracero, 118, beat Little Carupo, also 118, in the first 10.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

(03-05-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club—**Bert Lozano, 135, chalked up a TKO over Sugar Ray Roland, also 135, in the third canto of a 10.

Armando Barzuela, 111½, fought to a majority draw with Tony Ducay, 112½, in the first 10.

Ernesto Robiso, 112, decisioned Ruston Aguilar, 112, six.

Anthony Paloso, 121, TKO'd Rene Gonzales, 119, in the third round of the four-round opener.

Aurelio Reyes, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(03-11-83)

▲**URDANETA, PANGASINAN—**Tito Gregorio, 112, fought to a split draw with Mar Timbal, also 112, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.

Mario Clara, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, the GAB's witnesses.

(03-12-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club—**Chito Adigue, 127, was awarded a split decision over Danny Canada, also 127, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.

Nardo Calugay, 115, scored a first round TKO over Rey Galina, 116, in the semi-final 10.

Tony Pastrana, 144, stopped Rocky Romy, 144, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Romeo Santos, 122, drew with Little Freddie, 122, six.

Joen Sirulan, 119½, knocked out Eduardo Garcia, 121, in the fifth canto of the six round opener.

Aurelio Reyes, promoter.

Romulo Santiago and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.

(03-17-83)

▲**SOUTH COTOBATO—**Renato Paulino, 118, the GAB's top ranked junior featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Val de Vera, also 118, 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(03-17-83)

▲**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—**Divino Inocian, 126, regained the Filipino featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over Ronald Sumalis, also 126, 10. Divino lost his national title to Sumalis, the ex-bantamweight boss, last October, but he battered the defending champ with all the way on this occasion.

In the semi-final 10, Julius Gonzaga, 118, scored a TKO over Dede Suaybaguio, also 118, in the fourth canto.

Edilberto Bustanante, promoter.

(03-19-83)

▲**LEPANTO, BENGUET—**Rudy Palicua, 112, fought to a technical draw with Rolando (Daban) Porter, also 112, midway in the seventh session of a scheduled 10. Referee Danny Rodenas stopped the bout.

Alberto Saxon, 131, decisioned Amado Castro, also 131, 10.

Rey Maratas, 112, barely outscored Tony Agalatiw, also 112, by a split nod, eight.

Venecio Esterban, 130, won from Ernie de Asis, 133, six.

Four rounders: Anthony Paloso, 125, TKO'd Ceasar Seglando, 121, in three. Martin Casals, 124, decisioned Danny Adangla, 124, Bert Pucay, 118, stopped Tomas Sab-It, in the first round. Bonnie Bangsoyao, 114, outscored James Alatiw, 114, in the opener.

Felixberto Jarnenil, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos S. Roman, GAB witnesses.

(03-19-83)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY—**Ruben dela Cruz, 112, the GAB's newly ranked flyweight, defeated Er Sumalis, also 112, 10.

Ernesto Jaudian, promoter.

(03-19-83)

▲**DIPOLOG CITY—**Lulu Vilaverde, 126, the GAB's fifth ranked featherweight, showed his superior ring experience in copping a unanimous duke over Flash Ursua, also 126, 10.

Nerie Saz, 110, was a unanimous victor over Henry Balina, also 110, on points in the first 10.

Roberto Yabet, promoter.

(03-20-83)

▲**MARBEL, SOUTH COTOBATO—**Carlos Parcia, 133, the GAB's number seven junior lightie, eked out a majority decision over Joel Insular, also 133, in ten.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(03-25-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club—**Ador Seguin, 129, was held to a technical draw by Jerry Escolano, 126, in the ninth canto of a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo, the third man, wisely called a stoppage.

Ernie Cataluna, 119, unanimously decisioned Rico Lequin, also 119, 10.

Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.

Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.

(03-25-83)

▲**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym—**Having scored an unexpected knockout over then OPBF junior flyweight champ Sung-Nam Kim, Filipino Elmer Magallano entered the WBA's top ten.

Magallano, 113, engaged in his first showing since, and defeated Fred Guanzon, also 1+3, via a unanimous decision, 10.

The semi-final 10 saw Jemuel Maguinsay, 110, score a TKO victory over Maning Montanez, 114, in the ninth canto.

Jun Escalera, 135, registered an eighth round TKO over Islander Bordamante, 138, in their scheduled 10.

Ric Tanza, 118, TKO'd Nilo Canales, 122, in the eighth round of the first 10.

Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.

(03-26-83)

▲**SAN JOSE CITY, NUEVA ECIJA—**Eddie Camero, 126, managed to earn a split duke over Jaime Ernriquez, 126¾, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(03-26-83)

▲**MANTINLUPA, METRO MANILA—**Having been ranked 20th by the WBC, hard hitting Rod Sequenan, 133, battled to a draw with Fernando Nercua, also 133, 10.

Cisco Ferrer, 142, displayed his power punching and stopped veteran Joe Lim, also 142. in the sixth round of the 10-round semi-final.

Atty. Agustin Garcia, promoter.

(03-28-83)

▲**DAVAO—Sto Tomas Gym—**Gil Ragas, 116, scored a technical knockout over Ben Villaber, 117, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.

Pedro Solis, promoter.

(03-27-83)

▲**MATI DAVAO GRENTAL—**Fernando Carupo, 110, copped a unanimous duke over Nick Cabales, also 110, 10.

Cris Maratas and Tammy Bastaida, both 120, fought to a majority draw in the first 10.

Abelardo Tecson, promoter

(03-27-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO—Mabuhay Arena—**Romy Cunanan, 130, the GAB's fourth ranked lightie, fought to a majority draw with Geron Porras, 132, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Morris Pastor, 122, unanimously decisioned Benny Castro, 122½, 10.

Tito Vilmar, 122¼, won from Eddie Miral, also 122¼, 10.

Peres Jr., 112, beat Efren Bantilan, also 112, 10.

Romy Austria, 110, scored a TKO over Mar Timbal, 110, in the fifth round of the 10-round opener. The loser suffered a bad gash, so referee N. Olivetti stopped the fight.

Antonio Esguerra, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.

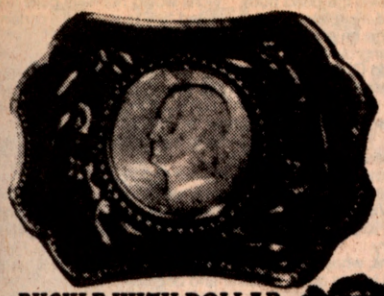
(03-31-83)

THAILAND

▲**KHON KAEN—**Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's third ranked junior featherweight, died at Khon Kaen Provincial Hospital from the effects of a car crash.

He was one of four in the car, with three dead almost on the spot. Vichit, 27, was scheduled to meet WBA champ Leo Cruz in his second attempt to win the title in Las Vegas on June 12. The Thai had once challenged Sergio Palma, then WBA titleholder, in Buenos Aires and lost a 15-round controversial decision on March 4, 1981.

Anucha Vacharatunka, his manager, was in tears when he



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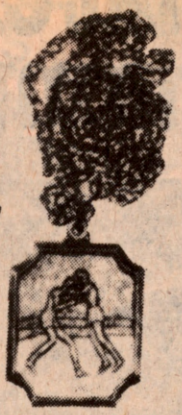

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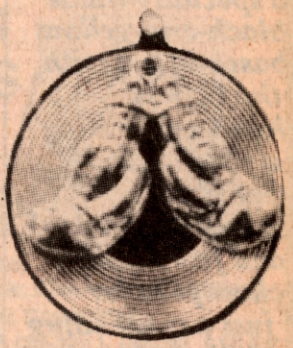

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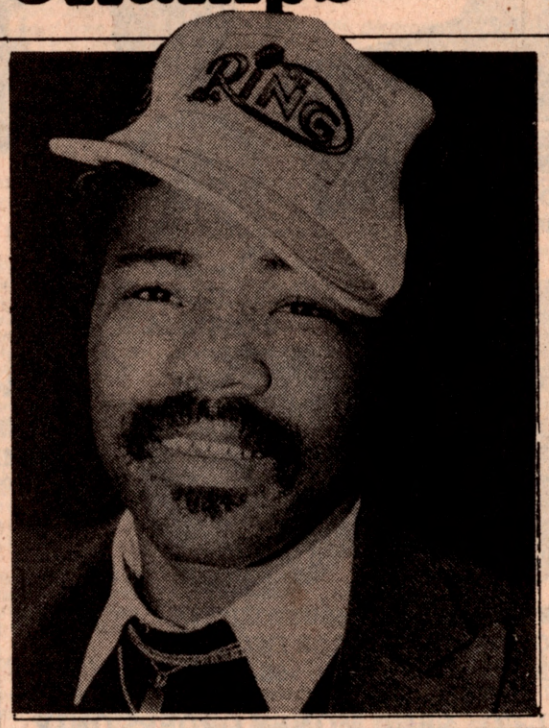

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witnessed the dead body. "Vichit would not have gone to Khon Kaen if his relative hadn't wanted him to support a certain candidate in an election," he said.

Muangroi-et was a very unlucky fighter. When Colombian Ricardo Cardona was the WBA champ, he came to Thailand to square off against Vichit for the championship. Anucha, the promoter of the fight, couldn't come up with $80,000 for Ramior Machad, Cardona's manager, so the bout was suddenly cancelled. The angry crowd in Roi-et then set fire to the stadium, and an incredible riot took place.

The heart-broken Vichit returned to action. And, though he lost to Palma in Argentina, he continued. In March of the previous year, Vichit had beaten Thai kayo artist Pongpan Sorphayathai on points to prove that he was the number one 122-pounder in his country.

Vichit, whose real surname was Wannapruek, was born in Roi-et. He fought as an amateur and became the regional champion for three years, 1975 to 1977. Since turning pro, Vichit had appeared chiefly in his native place, Roi-et, from which his ring name, Muangroi-et, was taken.

Last December, Thailand mourned the death of former WBC light flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, who had also been killed in a traffic accident.

The Thai boxing fraternity, in great grief, is hoped to rebound soon.
(04-20-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dejvarin Hollywood, 125, the TBC's junior featherweight titlist, eked out a split decision over Manachai Sorvatana, also 125, the top bantamweight contender, in six give-and-take rounds. Manachai led on points over the first three rounds, but the more experienced Dejvarin fought back desperately and was awarded a favorable decision.
(04-05-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yongyoen Lukbunlce, 114, the TBC's number eight flyweight, proved too sharp and strong for Sereenoi Looknongjok, 110, winning a unanimous decision, six. The loser was not in good shape, so Lukbunlce won easily.
(03-25-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Unbeaten since his entry into the paid ranks, Somboonyos Singsam-ang, 115, ran his log to 3-0 (with two kayoes) by stopping veteran Chartroong Phatanasing, 114, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(03-29-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Unbeaten prospect Sarakam Boonset, 108, the TBC's newly 10th ranked junior flyweight, stopped Rojanachai Sorphayathai, 110, in the third session of a scheduled six. Sarakam thus boosted his log to 7-0 with five knockouts. (04-02-83)

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▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Australian junior featherweight champion Jim Bowen, scaling 128 after a meal, lost a close but definite decision to Patrick Burns, 118½, 10. Bowen likes to fight, and Burns has always troubled him because Pat moves around so fast. This was their fourth meeting, and the score is 3-0-1 in favor of Burns. Perhaps Bowen will defend his title against Patrick soon.

Six-rounders: Kenny Bruce, 126¼, outpointed Chris Bennett, 124½. Edin Tugrul, 133½, outscored Glenn Hillier, 139¾. Les Luxford, 140, stopped Brad Fredrics, 137¼, in the second.

Young Walker, 134¾, outcored Marki Petru, 127, four.
(04-20-83)

▲**PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—Disco George, 137¾, outscored Roger Henry, 130, 10. A mild upset.

Bobby Williams, 112½, outpointed Noel Ovington, 105¾, six.

Four-rounders: Andy Withers, 143¼, kayoed Les Luxford, 139, in the first session. Gary Corbett, 154½, and Nooky Curyer, 158¾, had their bout declared a tech draw in the first.

Three-rounders: Colin Carr, 142¼, stopped Steve Poulson, also 142¼, in the third and final session. Bobby Mastro, 131¼, outscored Lou Valesini, 130.
(04-22-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—The scheduled 10-round main event did not last long. Mark Vallance, 149, got his eye cut in an accidental head clash with Willie Tarika, 148, and the bout was declared a tech draw in the first.

Six-rounders: Kam Chand, 122, Fiji, and Sparrow Freeman, 126, drew. Clint Brown, 166, outpointed Steve Wonder, 162. Muhammad Ali, 135, outscored Bernie Ellis, 128.
(04-26-83)

▲**BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Tommy Woods, 138¾, outscored Nick Conditis, also 138¾, eight.

Brett Breakin, 161, outpointed Joey Collins, 150, six.

Bobby Williams, 116¾, and Peter Sherwood, 130, drew, five.
(04-27-83)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Australian amateur heavyweight champion Terry Archer, 209½, won the NSW State title in his pro debut by stopping defending champion Fetiaiki Namoa, also 209½, in round three of a scheduled 10. Neither man impressed.

Young Haumona, 205½, outpointed Wally Carr, 178½, 10.

Eight-rounders: Garry Hubble, 178½, stopped Young Stone, 173½, via an injury in six. John Siriotis, 154½, halted Kelly

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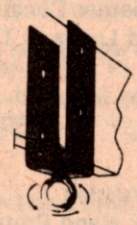

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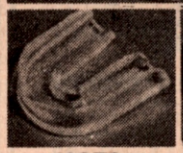

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Thompson, 156½, in the sixth.

Six-rounders: John Layton, 188½, outscored Mandingo, 203. Frank Miller, 124¼, outpointed Sparrow Freeman, 126¼.
(04-28-83)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Pat Leglise, 140, retained his South Seas junior welter crown by knocking out Jale Fotu, also 140, Fiji, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Fotu was down twice, the second time for the full count.

Young Haumona, 201¾, a Tongan living in Australia, halted Sid Hatch, 209½, in the third round of a scheduled eight. Paul Moore, referee.

Killer Kearney, 146¼, survived a last round knockdown to take a close decision over Russell Sands, 146¾, six.

Gary Corbett, 152½, stopped Tom Taggart, 147¾, in the third round of their scheduled six.

Bobby See, 141, outscored Paul Bowman, 136¾, four.
(05-06-83)

▲**SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Frank Carlson, 127, outpointed Kenny Bruce, 126¾, a transplanted Irishman, 10. Good fight.

Willie White, 115½, and Ducky Dennis, 119, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Andy Withers, 145, outscored Glenn Hillier, 143½. Darwin North, 145½, halted Paul Dominic, 153, in the third.

Tony Porrata, 167¼, stopped Peter Lusk, 169½, in the third and final session.
(05-06-83)

▲**MILTON-Pavilion**—Rocky Pirrottina, 136¼, outpointed Kirk Blair, 136¾, in an action 10 that drew a money shower from ringsiders.

Reg King, 142, outscored Andy Roberts, 135½, six.

Four-rounders: Young Walker, 137¾, outscored Bernie Ellis, 130. Bobby Williams, 114¾, outpointed Peter Sherwood, 128.
(05-07-83)

▲**KINGFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Steve Renwick, 154, floored Steve Wonder, 161, twice and coasted to a points win, eight.

Six-rounders: Muhammad Ali, 134, and Sparrow Freeman, 130, drew. Harry Harris, 172, won on a foul over Tony Mark, 189, in the fifth round. Bobby Williams, 112, outscored Noel Ovington, 109.
(05-11-83)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

▲**DARWIN—Gardens Oval**—Australian middleweight champion Steve Dennis, 160, retained his crown by knocking out Ricky Petterson, also 160, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round battle of southpaws. Ricky was decked twice in the fatal frame.

Eight-rounders: Greg Badman, 139, halted Alan Wehrman, 141, in the fourth session. Steve Wonder, 161, and Gonzo Hooper, also 161, drew.

Six-rounders: Arnold Von Senda, 156½, stopped Paul Nuku, also 156½, on cuts in the fifth inning. Joe Dempsey, 130, and Jimmy Beck, 133½, drew Ray Anderson, 150, outscored Laurie Raymond, 148¾. Gary Hamilton, 150, halted Tim Gibuma, 148¾, in the third.
(05-01-83)

QUEENSLAND

▲**BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Former amateur Geoff Kanofski, 155, outscored Graham Looker, 146, 10.

Ronald Doo, 139, and John Park, 146, drew, eight.

Gus Spina, 171, outscored John Bailey, 184, six.

Tassy Eiszale, 153, outpointed Chris Hayward, 148, four.

Sparrow Callaghan, 130, halted Rocky Michael, 122, in the second round of a scheduled three.
(04-15-83)

▲**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Emmanuel Otti, 162, Uganda by way of Greece, kayoed Sam Samuela, 158¾, New Zealand, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Former Australian amateur champion Norm Stevens, 138, halted Wayne O'Donnell, also 138, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10. This was Stevens' second pro bout, and he looked very good.

Jim Gillon, 155½, outscored Steve Wonder, 161, eight.

Guy Parker, 147½, halted All Hallett, 143, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

Peter Blundell, 129, outpointed Brad Finn, also 129, six.
(04-18-83)

▲**BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Queensland State champion Kevin Wagstaff, 176, was held to a non-title draw by the hard punching Tom West, 172, 10. A return is a natural.

Six-rounders: Mick McDermott, 134, halted Peter Blundell, 135, in the second. Dan Davies, 147, outscored Ronald Doo, 138. Tuna Wilson, 189, outpointed John Bailey, 181.

Chris Hayward, 147, and Steve Harrison, 141, drew, four.
(05-06-83)

VICTORIA

▲**YARROWONGA**—Jay Crowe, 121¾, kayoed Johnny Duff, 121¼, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Lindsay Goode, 154½, stopped Wayne Meredith, 165½, in the eighth and final round.

Three-rounders: Mike McKechnie, 165½, outscored John Lennie, 154½. Col Ford, 132¼, outpointed Don Waite, 125¾. Brian Nolan, 152, and John Dawe, 165¼, drew.
(04-22-83)

▲**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Graeme Brooks, 134½, halted Gary Rosen, 133, in round seven of a scheduled 10 to win the vacant South Pacific lightweight title. Brooke, a cousin of Lionel Rose, was floored, surprisingly, along the way.

Six-rounders: Dave Ramsden, 146½, outpointed Alan Clarke, 144½. LEster Ellis, 130½, stopped Ben Lappori, 129, in the fourth.

Three-rounders: Ken Crilly, 128¼, halted Graeme Rose, 127, in the second. John Walsh, 165¾, outpointed Marta Jones, 163¾. Gerald King, 204, stopped Frank Courts, 215, in the second. Don Rosella, 157, outscored Marco Patriza, 161.
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GOTCH AGAINST JOHNSON:

THE DREAM MATCH THAT ALMOST WAS

WHEN GERRY COONEY bulled his way onto the fistic scene some time ago, he was greeted, much to his chagrin, with the label "Great White Hope." It was, it seems, an inevitable, albeit unfortunate, sobriquet. The words have been attached to almost every caucasian heavyweight of substance for well over seventy years now. ¶ It was famed novelist Jack London who hitched up the "White Hope" bandwagon. After Jack Johnson became the first black ever to hold the title of world heavyweight boxing champion by demolishing game but outclassed Tommy Burns in 1908, London was outraged. He promptly issued the challenge that would echo throughout the decades: ¶ "One thing now remains," he wrote. "Jim Jeffries must now emerge from his alfalfa farm and remove the golden smile from Jack Johnson's face. Jeff, it's up to you. The white man must be rescued." BY MIKE CHAPMAN

BUT RESCUED FROM WHAT, PRAY TELL?

"A black man had been elevated to national prominence at a time when much of American society was expecting Negroes to be second-class citizens in a nation of legal and social segregation," wrote John A. Lucas and Ronald A. Smith in their book, SAGA OF AMERICAN SPORT. "It was appalling to some that a black man was the symbolic physical master of the world. Almost immediately there was a call for a Great White Hope to defeat Johnson."

Jeffries, who had retired undefeated in 1904, answered the call, but with disastrous results. His weight had ballooned to over 300 pounds in retirement and by the time he entered the ring in Reno, Nevada, on July 4, 1910, he was a much-trimmer 227. But he was also far less a fighter than he had been six years earlier, and Johnson toyed with him for fifteen rounds before the bout was stopped. Johnson's victory caused race riots across the land, and also began the parade of "Great White Hopes."

"They were advertised for in the papers and dredged from every coal mine, farm, ranch, city slum, locomotive cab, carnival, hobo jungle and blacksmith shop in the land," wrote Rex Lardner in his superb book, THE LEGENDARY CHAMPIONS.

Among the best were Frank Moran, Gunboat Smith, Luther McCarty, Arthur Pelkey, Al Kauffman, Carl Morris, Fred Fulton and even Stanley Ketchel, the ferocious middleweight champion of the world.

But the most unusual was an Iowa farm boy named Frank Gotch, the man many consider to be the greatest professional wrestler of all time.

Gotch won the world's wrestling championship from the legendary Russian Lion, George Hackenschmidt, in 1908. The bout, in Chicago's Dexter Pa-

vilion, attracted worldwide attention and made Gotch a celebrity of huge impact. The rematch in 1911 stamped Gotch as the greatest wrestler who ever lived (Nat Fleischer ranked Gotch first and Hackenschmidt second on the list of all-time greatest wrestlers).

A man of tremendous physique and blessed with lightning speed and great agility, Gotch developed his skills to the point where he merely toyed with the opposition. He first began looking at boxing in 1905, when he was already the American mat champ and fancied himself running short of foes. At the same time, the unbeaten Jeffries was searching for just one last worthy opponent before retiring from the boxing ring.

"After scanning the pugilistic field, Jim Jeffries has about come to the conclusion that there is a prospect for but one good heavyweight battle before he relinquishes his championship crown, voluntarily or otherwise," reported a newspaper article found in the personal scrapbook of Gotch.

"Jeff has picked out from his group of challengers, for there are many ambitious to fight the champion, as three most deserving of attention: Bob Fitzsimmons, who has twice met defeat at his hands; Marvin Hart, who is about matched with Jack Johnson, the negro champion, and Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler. 'Let these three men fight it out and I will take the best,' says Jeff."

The precedent for a wrestler becoming a boxer had already been set. Joe Walcott, the welterweight champion, had begun his sporting career as a wrestler, and Joe Bernstein was a wrestler who became a top-flight featherweight boxer. And Tom Sharkey, the rugged heavyweight contender who had gone the distance with Jeffries, was among those suitably impressed with Gotch's credentials.

"Gotch is the fastest man for his size on his feet I ever saw," wrote Sharkey for a newspaper of the times. "He is as nimble as Jim Corbett. In bull strength, I doubt if champion Jeffries surpasses Gotch at any point. I do say that he frames up the best of anyone I know at this time as possessing the qualities which must be possessed by the man who defeats champion Jeffries."

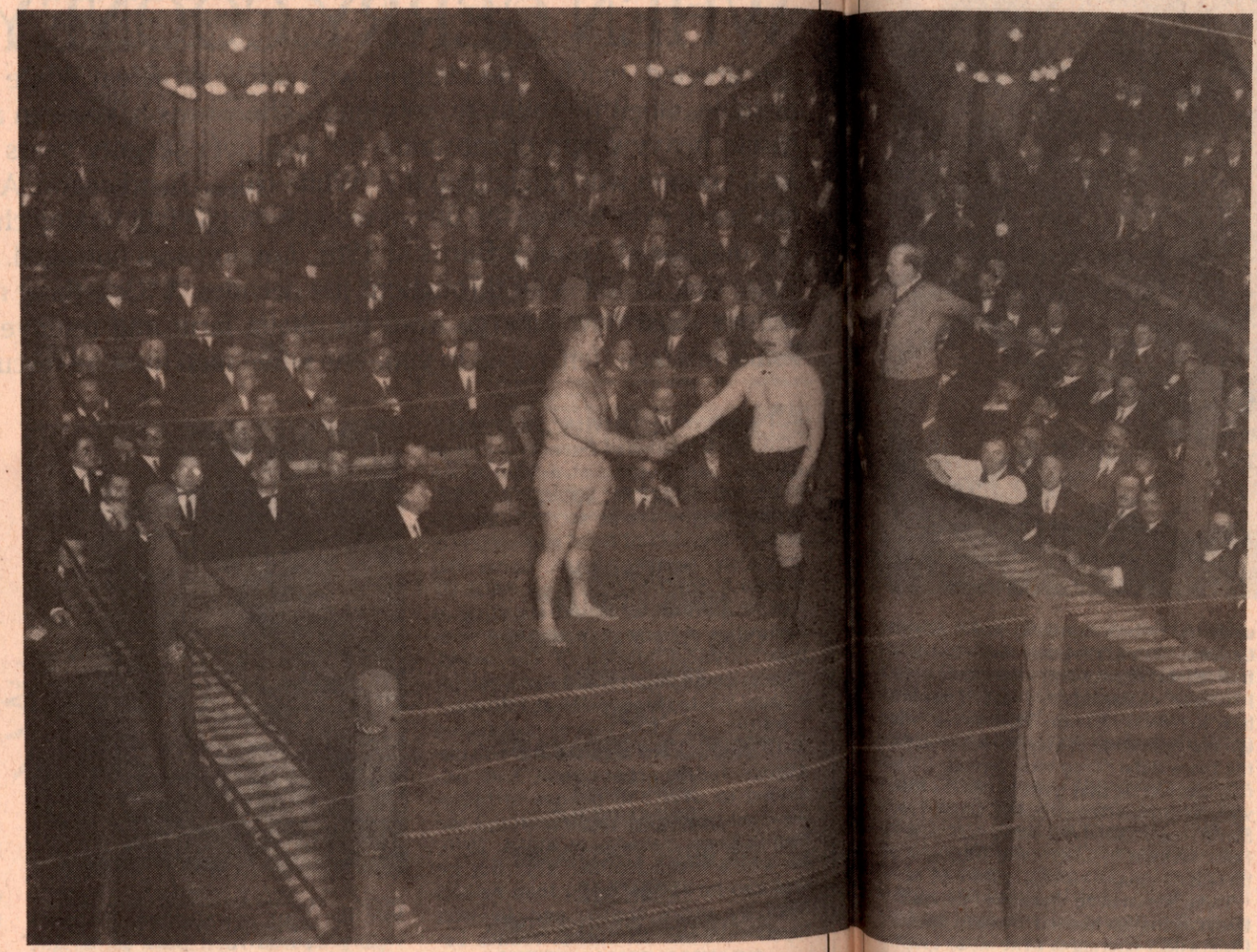
Despite the words of encouragement from Sharkey, Gotch began to lose interest in boxing. Maybe it was his genuine affection for Jeffries (the two were close friends) that made him reluctant to climb into the ring with the boxing champ, or maybe it was his desire to prove himself the greatest grappler ever. Whatever the case, Gotch continued in wrestling, earning great fame and piles of money.

At his peak, Gotch might have been the most popular athlete in America. He starred in a play that even went overseas, and had babies, farm implements and even a cigar named after him. According to the book 100 Greatest Sports Heroes, "he made wrestling a big-time sport and drew larger crowds than the heavyweight boxing champion."

While Gotch continued wrestling, Jeffries retired in 1905, undefeated with a 20-0-2 record, which included 16 knockouts. Lured out of retirement by London and others, he then met disaster in Reno. Among the celebrities at ringside were Bat Masterson, the legendary gunfighter from the Old West who was now a New York sportswriter; John L. Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Ketchel and Gotch.

The cry for a "white hope" went out stronger than ever after the Reno battle, and Gotch was caught up in the fervor again. He had bet a great deal of money on Jeffries and was saddened to see his old friend punched about the ring. Gotch, who often used a punching bag during his wrestling workouts, began thinking of boxing once again.

"Corbett still feels bad about Jeffries' defeat," began a newspaper story of the day, "and said he believes he has a man who, with proper training and teaching, will be able to wrest the title from the colored champion. This man is Frank Gotch, the wrestling champion.



Gotch has already signified his willingness to undertake the task . . ."

A postscript added that "Gentleman Jim believes Gotch has the makings of a great fighter and will train with him for eight months."

Gotch did eventually take part in several boxing matches, winning them all. He kayoed a burly Canadian named Sam Williams in Buffalo, New York, and received a good review in a local newspaper. But he never really came close to crawling in the ring with Johnson. Caught up in various business deals in Iowa and Minneapolis—he was part owner of a Mitchell automobile dealership, was involved in a lighting company, was vice president of a bank and owned considerable real estate — Gotch stayed with wrestling as his chief athletic pursuit.

Gotch was not without boxing experience. In 1898, he had journeyed to Alaska to win a fortune in the rough and tumble mining camps of the day. As a wrestler he had defeated foe after foe and became undisputed champion of the Yukon, earning nearly $30,000. Against his better judgment, he had been talked into a boxing contest and was battered by a seasoned veteran, Frank Slavin. He had entered the bout with virtually no boxing experience and had paid the price for his folly. But years of wrestling success had caused him to consider the prize ring once again.

And Gotch himself was gaining in confidence.

"The man who beats Jeffries will have to beat him at his own game," he said. "He will simply have to outslug him. A man with great endurance, capable of taking all kinds of punishment and administering his share, will win.

"I think I might possibly do that," said Gotch, a man who trained with the same passion as did Rocky Marciano over half a century later. "I will stand up and slug with any man in the world and would just as soon allow Jeffries to wallop me in the stomach as not. I don't think that Jeffries could hurt me with his blows, and if I ever get into the ring with him my chief object will be to avoid as many of his pile-driving punches as possible and wear him down. I will certainly have just as much endurance."

For skeptics who pointed out that Gotch had a long way to go to become a successful boxer, he reminded them that Jeffries himself had once served as a sparring partner for Corbett, and that a man "has to start somewhere."

Sharkey continued to be Gotch's biggest booster. Gotch had, said Sharkey, "many advantages over others who had championship aspirations, and failed. In fact, he has many things in his favor. In appearance, he is a sleek, trim athlete and he is built in many ways more like a fighter than a wrestler. He is short and stocky with strong heavy legs like Roeber and others who have preceded him. His legs are strong and sinewy, but they have the length which tends to give them speed.

"Gotch is a six-footer in height, a fine height for a fighter, and he has a reach as long as any fighter I ever fought. Gotch knows a great deal about the boxing game and the longer he keeps at it the more he will improve.

"Gameness is an essential quality in a fighter and there is no doubt that Gotch is game after the many gruelling matches he has come through successfully on the mat. There are wrestling matches far more brutal than boxing matches."

In 1909, a year before the Jeffries-Johnson battle, Johnson and Gotch met one another at the corner of Clark and Randolph streets in Chicago. Gotch was in serious training for his bout with the great Turkish wrestler, Yussif Mahmout, and Johnson was coming off a no-decision match with Victor McLaglen, who was to become an Academy Award-winning actor. Such a large crowd gathered that it took a number of policemen to extricate the two world champions from their adoring fans. It was destined to be the closest the two would ever come to facing one another in a contest of skill and courage.

Gotch wrestled twenty-seven times in 1911, winning each time with ease. His September 4 rematch with Hackenschmidt drew a record crowd of nearly 30,000 fans and drew front page coverage across the nation. In 1912, Gotch won twelve straight bouts and wrestled his final match in 1913, dispatching George Lurich April 1 in Kansas City.

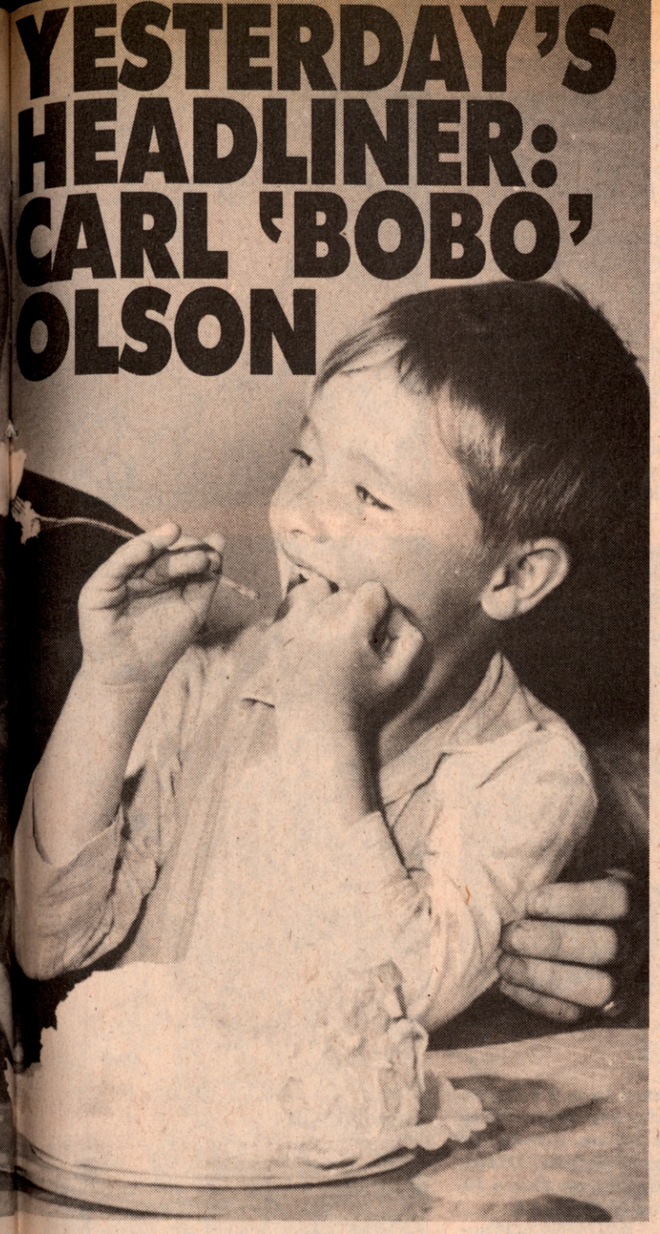
Tragically, the world's greatest wrestler was struck by uremic poisoning and died December 18, 1917, at the age of 40. The sporting world mourned his passing, and for years wrestling and health magazines carried stories about the great athlete.

George A. Barton, sports editor of the MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE, paid a unique tribute to Gotch nearly fifty years after his death, comparing him to yet another legendary sports figure.

"Gotch was a remarkable physical specimen," wrote Barton. "He was tremendously strong, amazingly fast and catlike in movement . . . and was the last word in courage. Topping off his wrestling skills, Gotch was a handsome, intelligent fellow, gifted with the personality and friendliness which has made Jack Dempsey the most popular sports figure of all time."

Even half a century after his death, Gotch was still being tied to boxing, in one way or another. It is somehow strange, yet intriguing, that the greatest wrestler who ever lived was once one of the "white hopes" of boxing and might have, with the right set of circumstances, even fought for the heavyweight championship of the world.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINER: CARL 'BOBO' OLSON



BY STEVEN R. NICOLAISEN

THE FIRST THING ONE NOTICES UPON meeting Carl "Bobo" Olson, former middleweight champion of the world, is Olson's demeanor. In contrast to so many ex-fighters who take every opportunity to call attention to their past exploits, both real and imagined, Bobo, though firm and assertive, is modest and soft spoken. He speaks well of those he faced during his long career—not once did he refer to anyone disrespectfully—and takes pride in his accomplishments. Still, despite his twenty-two years in the ring, it is difficult to believe that he had ever been a fighter, much less the damned fine one he became. "Bobo" just seems too nice to have ever thrown a punch at anyone in anger.

But make no mistake about it, this mild-mannered man threw a lot of 'em—in places like Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Stockholm, Sydney and Johannesburg, against men named Young, Sands, Turpin, Thornton, Gavilan, Hairston, Maxim, and so many more. He threw enough to become world middleweight champion. Still, when Bobo Olson's name is mentioned today, all too many remember him only as someone who fought Sugar Ray Robinson four times—and went 0-for-4.

Although Olson seems content with his life both past and present, it clearly bothers him that far too many supposed boxing cognescenti have underrated him because of one man's shadow permanently etched upon his record. Speaking in his Rancho Cordova home recently, he voiced his frustration: "I beat all my contenders before I became champion... I beat guys who beat Robinson—Maxim, Tiger Jones." Still, too few remember the highs, only recalling the times Bobo Olson took second. It's unfair, considering that most of Olson's losses were to outstanding ringmen. Or, as Frank Slavin commented following his loss to Peter Jackson in 1892, "Yes, I lost... but there is no shame in losing to the very best."

There is indeed no shame, but the frustration remains. No one has knocked on Bobo Olson's door offering to write his biography. No movie producer has called expressing interest in filming his life story. While somebody up there likes Graziano and LaMotta rages all the way to the bank, Olson remains largely unappreciated and ignored. There are some who remember better than others: a friend recently referred to Bobo as "the best fighter I ever saw, every bit as good as Robinson." But they are all too few.

Carl "Bobo" Olson ("My sisters called me that when I was little, and the nickname stuck.") was born on July 11, 1928 in Honolulu, Hawaii, one of four children born to a Swedish father and a Portuguese mother. His childhood was, at best, one of hardship, and after his parents split up he worked on a dairy farm milking cows in Kalihi. He learned to take care of himself early; only thirteen when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he soon found himself a target for drunk soldiers and sailors who thought Bobo was old enough to enlist. Encouraged by friends, he began boxing as an amateur, and soon was beating the local pros in the gym. At sixteen, with the help of a phony I.D. and a couple of tattoos (a dragon on the left arm, "Mother" on the right) "to make me look older," he turned pro, winning the middleweight championship of the Pacific Territories, followed by several bouts in San Francisco, before being caught by commission officials and sent home for being underage. As soon as he turned eighteen he resumed his career, posting impressive wins in Honolulu and Manila. To further his career, he took on a manager, hooking up with Sid Flaherty, who then had a stable of fighters in San Francisco. Almost immediately Bobo became a main event favorite.

Entering 1950, Olson had thirty-two victories and had avenged his two defeats to George Duke and Boy Brooks. That February he decisioned Don Lee in Honolulu, then headed to Australia after bigger game in the person of Dave Sands, then one of the most feared middleweights in the world. The Australian middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight champion, Sands had recently added the British Empire middleweight crown to his trophy case with a first-round blitz of Dick Turpin. A boxer-puncher of exceptional ability, only Robinson was said to be his superior—and then not by much. Olson and Sands met in Sydney on March 20, 1950. The odds-

makers, who had installed Sands as the heavy favorite, seemed to have called it correctly when Sands floored Bobo with a left hook to the jaw in the opening round ("I always was a slow starter; I needed a lot of time in the dressing room to warm up."). But Bobo came back, climbing off the deck to give Sands everything he could handle. And more. After twelve furious rounds Sands won a close decision, but Olson won something just as important, prestige.

Returning to Hawaii, Bobo racked up three more wins, then met Robinson for the first time that October in Philadelphia for what Pennsylvania recognized as a "World" middleweight title bout. The bout ended in the twelfth when Robinson caught Olson with a combination capped with a left to the stomach that left Bobo doubled up on the canvas for the count. As Bobo recalls, "Robinson was such a terrific fighter that you couldn't make a mistake against him. If you did, you'd pay for it; I did and he got me."

Olson rebounded in 1951, winning five bouts including a kayo of Lloyd Marshall and a decision over Chuck Hunter. That October he again faced Dave Sands, this time in Chicago. In front of a national television audience Bobo again started slowly, but rallied late in the bout, shaking Sands with a right to the jaw in the eighth. In the tenth, and final round, sensing he needed a knockout to win, Olson savaged Sands time and again with right hand after right hand. Out on his feet, Sands somehow survived to win an unpopular split decision; ten months later he died when his truck rolled down an embankment near his training camp in Australia.

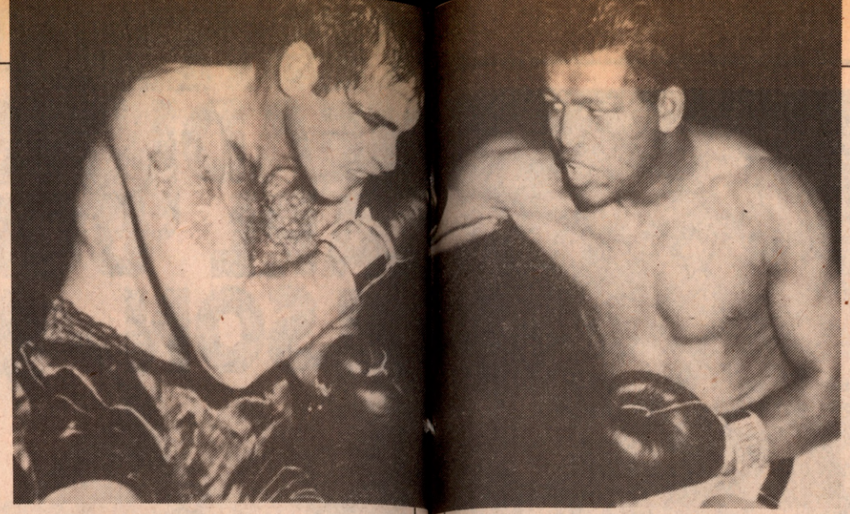
His showing against Sands, coupled with decisions over Woody Harper and Tommy Harrison, led to Olson's second bout with Robinson on March 13, 1952 in San Francisco, this time with Robinson's *real* world middleweight title—the one he won from Jake LaMotta—at stake. Of Robinson Bobo remarked, "I guess I had it in my mind that he was the greatest . . . I guess my style was made to order for him . . ." But this night Bobo gave Sugar Ray all he could handle, extending him to a close decision. "I lost to him by two points . . . my corner told me after ten rounds that I was ahead. After the fight they had to help Robinson back to his dressing room." Robinson kept his title, but Bobo's performance drew raves from sportswriters; thirty-one years later, there are still those who feel that Olson beat Robinson that night.

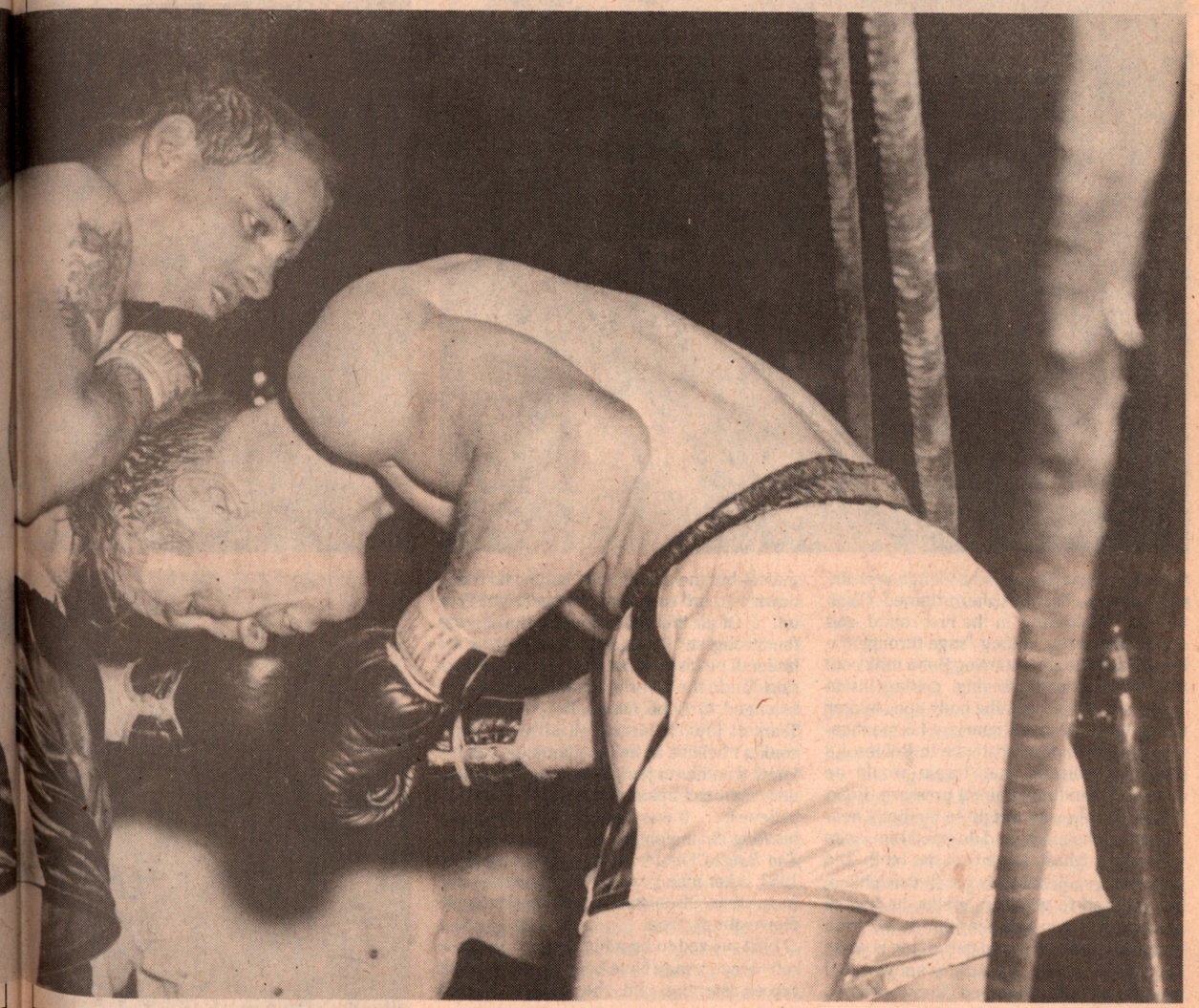
Bobo finished 1952 with seven straight victories, including knockouts of Walter Cartier and Eugene Hairston and decisions over Robert Villemain and Norman Hayes, the last taking place in San Francisco on December 18. In one of those strange coincidences which so frequently pockmark the face of boxing, that very same evening Robinson, unsuccessful the previous June in annexing Joey Maxim's light heavyweight title, announced his retirement, leaving the middleweight title up for grabs.

A repeat decision over Hayes, followed by one over Garth Panter, led to his inclusion in the four-man elimination for the tournament vacant title. On June 9, 1953, former middleweight champion Randy Turpin of England decisioned Charley Humez of France in London for the European title; ten days later Olson decisioned Paddy Young in New York for the American title. The two winners were matched for the world title on October 21, 1953 at Madison Square Garden.

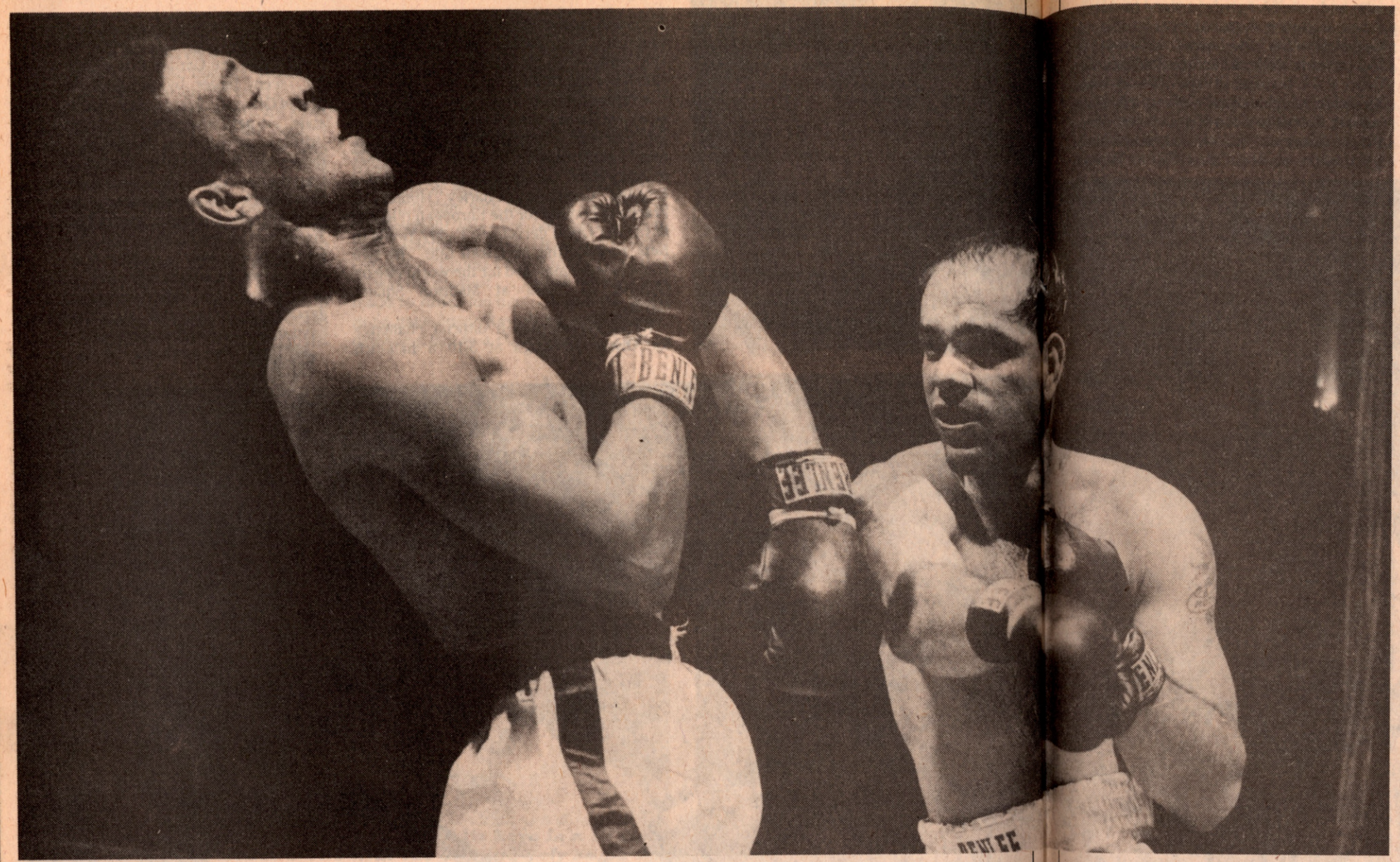
Turpin represented a difficult challenge for Olson. Although at 5-10 a half-inch shorter, he somehow crammed the frame of a light heavyweight into the 157 pounds he carried into the Garden that night, making him seem larger by far than the 159½ pound Olson. Utilizing an awkward, lunging style, his pet blow was a looping right the British press called the "Alakazam." He had decisioned Robinson for the title over fifteen rounds in July, 1951, in London, only to lose it back two months later in New York when a badly-cut Sugar Ray rallied to stop Turpin in the tenth. Since then Turpin had won eight in a row; in addition to the European crown, he also held the British Empire middleweight and light heavyweight titles, gaining the latter with an eleven-round kayo of Don Cockell in June, 1952.

Although Olson entered the ring an 11-5





(Above) The Olson family prepared to watch its hero in a TV fight. (Right, above) Bobo trades blows with the one-and-only Sugar Ray Robinson in Philadelphia. Robbie, who would lick Olson a total of four times, won this one on a 12th-round knockout. (Right) Olson batters away at Paddy Young in Madison Square Garden on June 19, 1953. Bobo won the American middleweight title in this fight.



favorite it was Turpin who dominated the early going. The Britisher stunned Olson with his "Alakazam" in the first round, and scored effectively at long range through the third. Then the slow-starting Bobo took control, bobbing and weaving, getting inside Turpin's reach to hook the body and counter to the head. At close quarters he manhandled Turpin, giving substance to Robinson's prefight prediction that Turpin would be unable to handle sustained pressure. Bobo floored Turpin with a right to the body near the end of the ninth, and dropped him again with a left-right to the jaw in the tenth. Did Bobo sense a possible kayo? "I thought so, but you had to give him credit, he had so much guts. I can still see him down, with that pain on his face, and part of me is wanting him to get up because, y'know, I just wanted to kill him—you know what I mean—but the rest of me is hoping he'd stay down . . . and each time he'd get right back up . . . Of all the guys I fought, Turpin was the strongest." The game Brit finished the fifteenth on his feet, but the unanimous decision and the world middleweight title belonged to Bobo Olson. Bobo's reaction? Tears of joy. "It hit me all at once, and I couldn't believe it, being champion. I didn't know whether to jump or to run, being middleweight champion of the world. I couldn't believe it . . . it was beautiful." In addition to his *Ring* championship belt, Olson received *The Ring*'s "Fighter of the Year" award for 1953. After nine years of mixed success and frustration, Olson stood alone atop the middleweight division.

1954 proved to be a big year for Bobo; in retrospect, it may have been the finest of his career, earning him the Edward J. Neil Award from the Boxing Writers as "Fighter of the Year." Olson won seven bouts that year, five by kayo. Besides knockouts of Joe Rindone, Jesse Turner, Pedro Gonzales and Garth Panter in non-title bouts, he successfully defended his middleweight crown three times. In April he turned back the challenge of welterweight champion Kid Gavilan at Chicago Stadium. "Gavilan was a great fighter . . . I don't think they make fighters like that no more . . . I just kept right after him, you couldn't let a good fighter take the play away from you." After fifteen fast rounds one official called the bout a draw, but the other two gave Bobo a majority decision. In August he survived a questionable knockdown ("I more or less tripped on him . . . his foot was right in back of me.") to easily decision Rocky Castellani in fifteen at San Francisco's Cow Palace, where he returned in December to stop Pierre Langlois ("Awkward fighter, tall and strong . . . he was a tough kid.") in eleven rounds. After such successes Olson's future as champion seemed secure for some time to come.

1955 began with nothing to dispel that feeling. In February Olson easily beat veteran Ralph (Tiger) Jones—the same Tiger Jones who had decisioned a comebacking Ray Robinson that January—in a non-title bout in Chicago. A decision over Willie Vaughn followed, leading to a bout against former light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim in April. Bobo called Maxim "a great defensive fighter, very hard to hit," but that night at the Cow Palace Olson found the range easily, flooring Maxim twice en route to a lopsided decision.

Soon there was talk of bigger things. "When I beat all my top contenders, everyone was already matching me with Marciano. Rocky was a close friend of mine . . . I figured after a big fight like that I'd retire. I challenged Marciano when he was down here to fight (Don) Cockell in San Francisco, but the New York Boxing Commission said I had to go for the light heavyweight championship first . . . so I figured, well, that old man, sure, I'd fight him."

That "old man"—or, to be more precise, the "Old Mongoose"—was, of course, Archie Moore, who had won the light heavyweight title from Maxim in 1952 and was now, along with Olson, eyeing the heavyweight title. Moore signed to defend his title against Olson at New York's Polo Grounds on June 22, 1955.

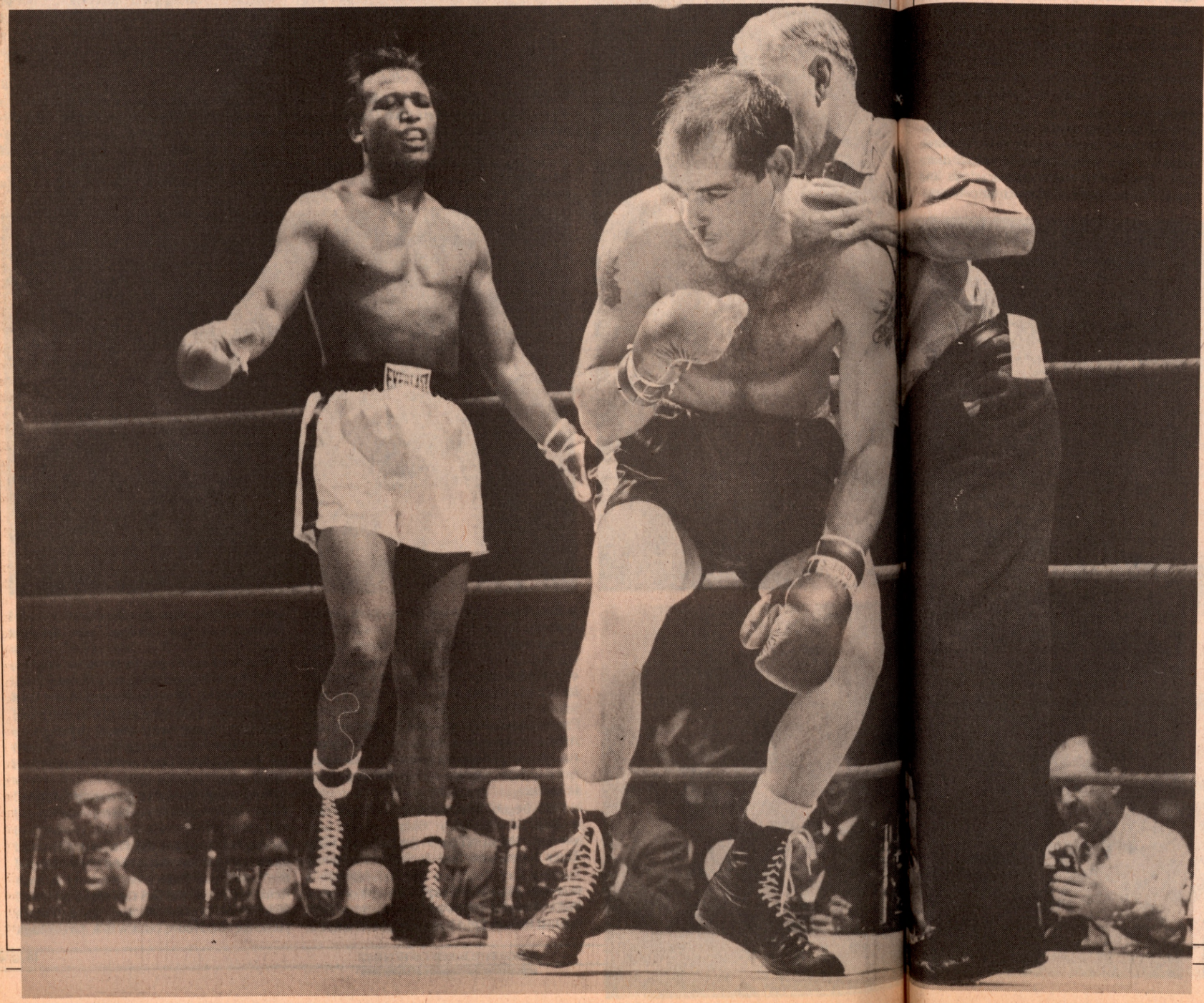
Then things started to go wrong for Bobo. There were marital problems that would end in a divorce. Financially, he seemed secure; his manager, Sid Flaherty ("He was like a father to me, he said he'd take care of me.") had put Bobo's earnings in a trust fund. Suddenly, the IRS told Bobo he owed $58,000 in unpaid income taxes. Bobo's purse for the Moore bout was a career-high

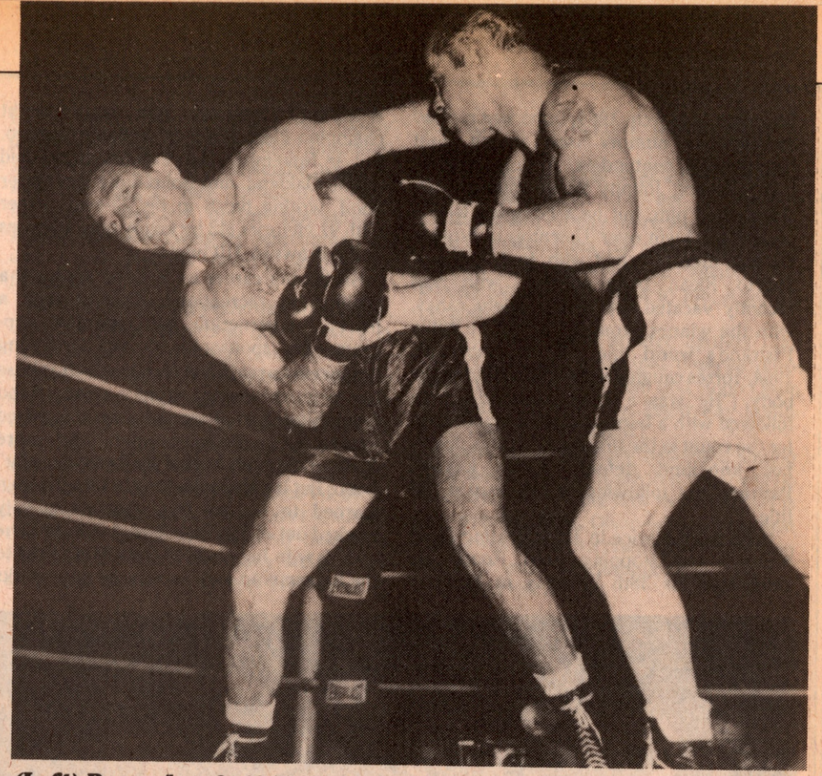
(Left) British Empire champ Randy Turpin leans away from Bobo in the sixth round at the Garden on October 21, 1953. Olson floored Turpin twice en route to a unanimous decision, winning the world middleweight title. (Left, below) Bobo connects with a hard right to Kid Gavilan's head in the closing seconds of their title fight in Chicago Stadium. Olson won via a majority decision. (Below) Olson raises his arm in victory as Gavilan just shrugs.

$125,000; he never saw a cent of it. The night of the bout there was a mix-up, causing a last-minute switch in dressing rooms that couldn't have helped Bobo. Still, he started well. "I won the first two rounds, opened two cuts on his face." In the third, however, Ancient Archie caught Bobo with a right to the jaw, and Bobo's heavyweight dreams vanished with the metronomic downstroke of referee Ruby Goldstein's ten count. "I think I had him beat until he caught me. But who didn't he catch? He still holds the record for more knockouts (145) than anyone else . . . I seen stars that night."

Bobo dropped back down to the middleweights, decisioning Jimmy Martinez and Joey Giambra in August. Then came a challenge from the comebacking Robinson, who had won four straight since his loss to Jones, including decisions over Panter and Castellani. The two were matched for December 9, 1955, at Chicago Stadium, with Bobo a 3-1 favorite. In the second round Robinson caught Olson with a left hook, leaving Robbie middleweight champion for the third time and Bobo an ex-champ. Olson tried again on May 18, 1956, at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles. A 9-5 favorite, Bobo fought like one for three rounds, punishing Robinson to the body, but Sugar Ray caught him in the fourth with a combination, again ending with a left hook.

How does Bobo explain his lack of success with Robinson? "I guess always in the back of my mind I felt that Robinson was the greatest. Evidently he knew how to fight me, because he'd catch me with the same thing. He'd feint me out of position, he had that certain hook . . . he caught (Gene) Fullmer with the same thing . . . you just don't make mistakes with a man like that."





(Left) December 9, 1955: Referee Frank Sikora assists Olson to his feet after Sugar Ray Robinson knocked out Bobo with a left hook in 2:51 of the second round to win back the world middleweight title he had relinquished in 1952. This was the third bout between Ray and Bobo. (Above) Olson clobbers former world light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim with a chopping right hand in the ninth round of their 10-round non-title bout in San Francisco on April 13, 1955. Olson followed through with a left a second later to deck Maxim for a six-count. Bobo won by a unanimous decision.

Tired of fighting the middleweight limit and Robinson as well, Bobo took a year off, then tried a comeback as a heavyweight. He decisioned Maxim again, but was kayoed in two by heavyweight Pat McMurtry. "I wasn't a heavyweight, 190 pounds was too heavy for me. I should have stayed down in the light heavyweights, since 170 was my best weight then." After taking time off to manage a night club, Bobo came back as a light heavyweight, scoring three kayoes in late 1958, including one over old foe Paddy Young. He won twice in 1959, and opened 1960 with knockouts of Roque Maravilla and Al Sparks. In June he went to Johannesburg, South Africa, and upset world-rated contender Mike Holt. That decision win propelled him into an August bout in Chicago against Doug Jones. Ahead on points, he ran into a right uppercut in the sixth round that left him seated in a neutral corner, where he failed to beat the count. At thirty-two, people were whispering that Bobo was finished and wishing he'd quit.

But Bobo wasn't through. Not yet. In 1961 he won five out of six, reversing a September decision loss to Sixto Rodriguez the following month. He started 1962 with two more wins, then lost a close decision to veteran heavyweight Pete Rademacher in April. In June he traveled to Stockholm to face Lennart Risberg, then considered a top prospect. Felt by many to be nothing more than a stepping stone for the younger man, Olson shocked the experts and Risberg, knocking him cold in the sixth round. "I knocked out a lot of guys, but never like I hit Risberg. He was out for quite a while . . . I really thought I'd hurt the poor man." In December he traveled to Rome to face European light heavyweight champion Giulio Rinaldi. The bout ended in a ten-round draw, but "that equals a win anywhere else. I had him down a couple of times."

He continued his comeback through 1963 with four more victories and a ten-round draw with Hank Casey. And, after a ten-round decision over highly-regarded Wayne

Thornton in March, 1964, Bobo was ranked as high as number one among light heavyweight contenders. A June decision loss to young Johnny Persol momentarily sidetracked him, but he rebounded with a second solid win over Thornton in August. He was then matched with Jose Torres, a Puerto Rican boxer-puncher who had recently vacated the middleweight ranks, with the winner promised a shot at Willie Pastrano's world title. On November 27, 1964, Torres caught Olson with a right to the body ("He was a good puncher"), then followed with a barrage that dropped Bobo for the count in the first round. It was Bobo's last knockout defeat; Torres kayoed Pastrano the following March to win the title.

Bobo fought twice in 1965, beating Andy Kendall and stopping Fred Roots. He celebrated his 38th birthday in 1966 by defeating European light heavyweight champion Piero Del Papa in San Francisco. But, in November, Don Fullmer outpointed him in Oakland, and Bobo hung 'em up for good, writing finish to his 22-year career with 92 victories (43 by kayo), only 16 losses and 2 draws in 110 bouts.

His boxing career over, Bobo accepted a position as recreational director with a heavy construction job training program—one sponsored by the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3—for those less fortunate seeking to learn a trade. Bobo found himself in charge of several hundred apprentices and journeymen who more than occasionally would deliberately "test" Bobo. But it didn't take long before the men learned to respect him. Bobo originally worked out of San Francisco, but in 1972 he and his wife Judy moved from Santa Rosa to the Sacramento area, where he now works at the Rancho Murieta Training Center. Overall, he has worked for Local 3 for thirteen years, and says "they've been very good to me." Bobo maintains a gym (with a ring, of course!), and is in charge of Murieta's recreation and exercise programs, a necessary outlet for those who live and work at the center. Bobo works out there daily and, aided by runnning several miles every morning, remains in excellent condition—his only vice, smoking, which "I've been doing since I was a kid"—maintaining his weight at 190 pounds. Except for a little more heft and a little less hair, he looks remarkably as he did in his boxing prime, thirty years ago.

Bobo and Judy live comfortably in Rancho Cordova. They have five children, three boys and two girls, in addition to four more from Bobo's first marriage. Gracious and polite, Judy contributed much in conversation; like Bobo, she wears her age well. Part of their secret for happiness seems to be taking things in stride; nothing seems to really bother them. Considering the ups-and-downs of a boxing career, tax problems —when asked who hit him the hardest, Bobo cracked "Uncle Sam!", yet he paid back "every cent"—and a four-year lawsuit against two men who falsely claimed to be Bobo Olson (the Olsons won), it is quite remarkable. In addition, they don't seem to bear a grudge against anyone.

How does Bobo compare today's fighters with those of his era? He considers Marvin Hagler "competent—he would have been tough for anyone," and is also impressed by Thomas Hearns, whom he had "beating Leonard until he ran out of gas in the late rounds." Carlos Monzon was "a good fighter, but in a weak division—he didn't face enough top American fighters." Roberto Duran, whom both Bobo and Judy rightly picked to defeat Davey Moore, impressed Bobo, especially as a lightweight, while he felt that Sugar Ray Leonard, though talented, "needed better opposition." Among the heavyweights, Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes ranked among his favorites.

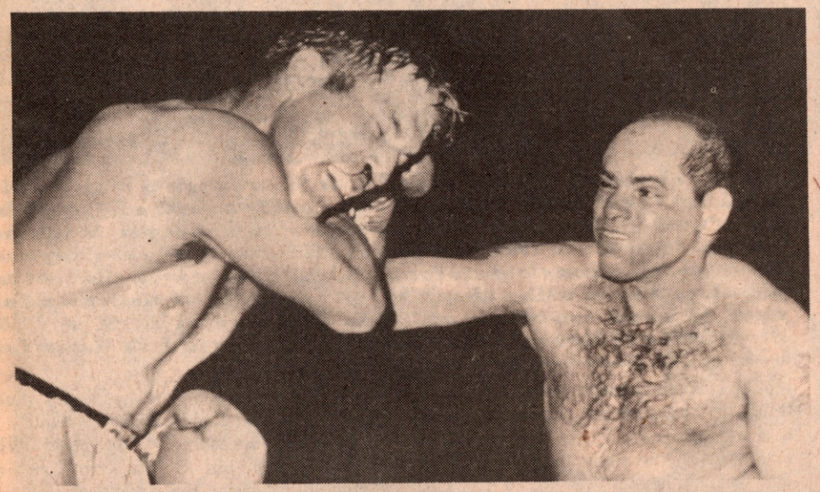
Further comparing yesterday with today, Bobo feels that fighters in his day were in better shape, and that the commissions are to blame for approving title bouts featuring questionable challengers. "When I was champion you had to be the number-one contender to get a title shot. Also, we used six-ounce gloves, where today they use eight- and ten-ounce; sometimes I'd be so bruised up after a fight I couldn't walk for two days. Things are different now." He feels that there are too many weight divisions, and that some fighters are overpaid. His advice to fighters today? "Stay in shape."

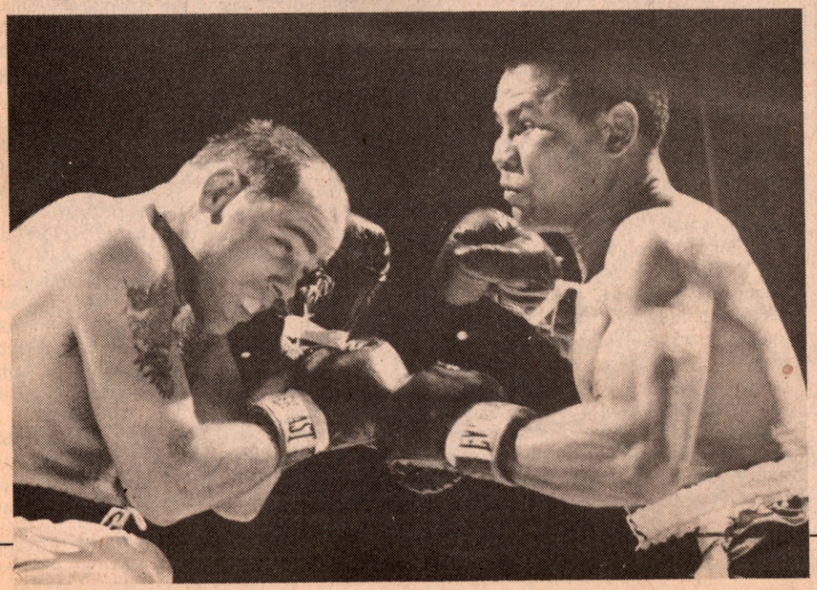
If he could do it all over again, would he change anything? "I'd get a different manager, and I'd pay more attention to the financial part. I put too much trust in my managers." But he would fight again. "I love boxing; boxing was good to me, it let me become a champion."

There have been greater fighters than Bobo Olson, but none that deserve more respect. To those who feel that Bobo Olson is just another name on Sugar Ray Robinson's record, look again.

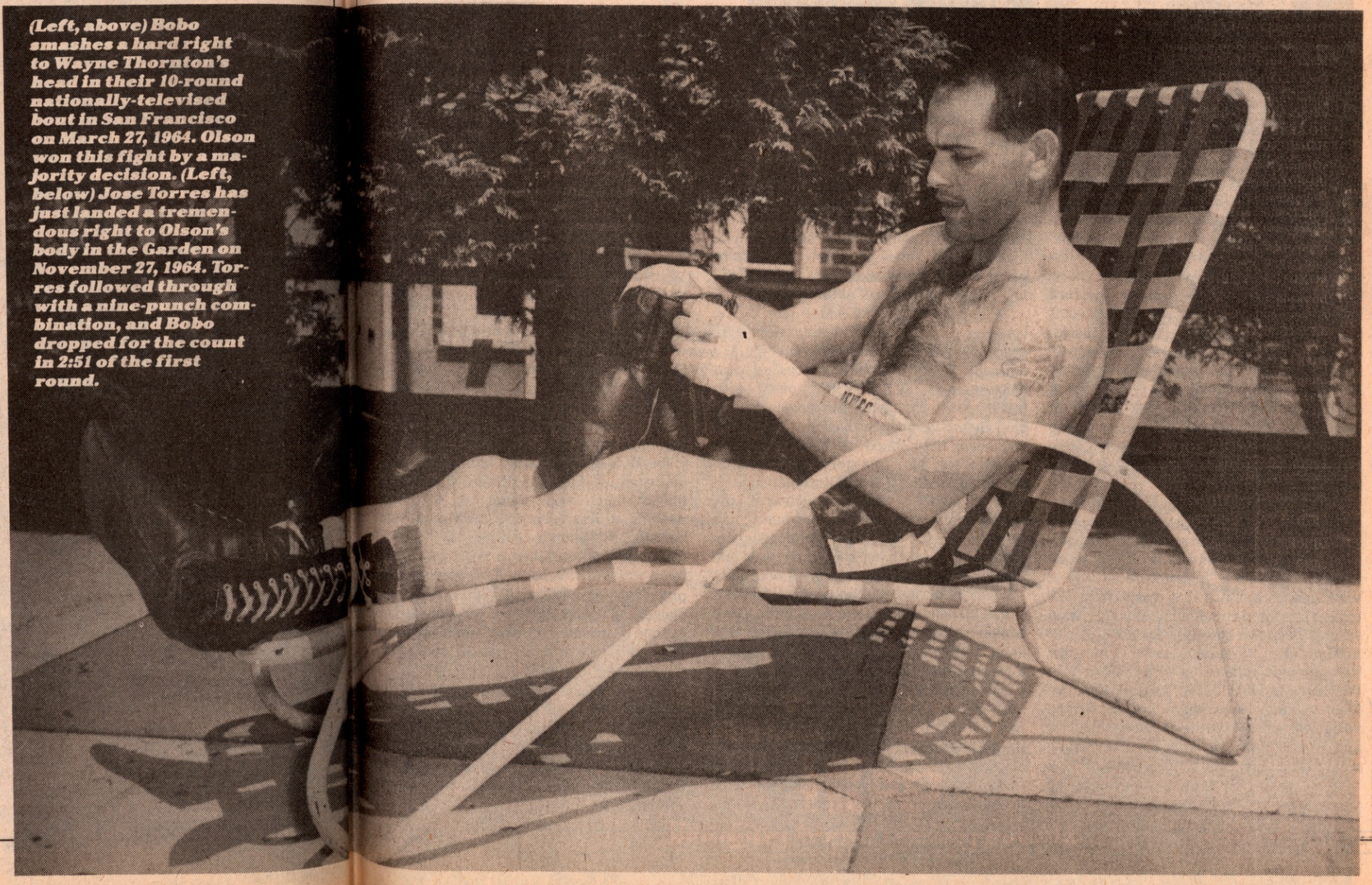
If there is any message contained among these words, it is the hope that there will be those who will realize how much respect is long overdue Bobo Olson who, on his best nights, was as much a champion as any man who ever wore the championship belt.

He deserves no less.





(Left, above) Bobo smashes a hard right to Wayne Thornton's head in their 10-round nationally-televised bout in San Francisco on March 27, 1964. Olson won this fight by a majority decision. (Left, below) Jose Torres has just landed a tremendous right to Olson's body in the Garden on November 27, 1964. Torres followed through with a nine-punch combination, and Bobo dropped for the count in 2:51 of the first round.



RED ALL OVER

BY RED SMITH

The Orchid Man Packs It In

IT WAS JUNE 17, 1970 THE NIGHT MAC FOSTER, an attractive refugee from the Marine Corps with a professional record of twenty-four straight knockouts, was presented to the Eastern cognoscenti and to Jerry Quarry, who knocked him clear back to Fresno, California, in the sixth round.

Dempsey was about to turn seventy-five and Madison Square Garden seized the opportunity to gussie up the promotion with a birthday salute to the old mauler. Films of some of his fights were shown, and Jack was escorted into the ring to receive congratulations from his most celebrated opponents—Gene Tunney, Jack Sharkey, Georges Carpentier. Seated in the audience was Joe Frazier, then officially recognized as heavyweight champion of the world, although another nine months were to pass before he would clear the title by whipping Muhammad Ali. Joe's face was a caricature of slack-jawed incredulity as he stared at Carpentier and heard the announcer saying that this gaunt and grinning little old pappy had once fought the tigerish Dempsey for the heavyweight championship.

Frazier was twenty-six, and no great student of history. The Dempsey-Carpentier fight was over and done with almost twenty-three years before he was born. As he sat there in the Garden, forces were already at work making a match that would gross $20 million on closed-circuit and home television around the world and bring him half of a $5 million purse. If someone had told him that those men up in the ring—the tall one with the heavy brows lifted in laughter and that funny-looking Frenchman—had generated wilder excitement in one afternoon than he and Ali would rouse in three fierce fights, Joe would have been justified in walking out.

Yet of all the fist fights peddled over the years as the "Battle of the Century," the only one that justified the billing took place on July 2, 1921, in a wooden amphitheatre hammered together on a swatch of Jersey City tideland called Boyle's Thirty Acres. It lasted less than four rounds, and on Sunday, July 3, the *New York Times* gave over not only its sports section but most of Page One and the news pages to accounts of the event.

"Million-dollar gate," became part of the language that day, when slightly more than eighty thousand spectators—contemporary estimates ranged from ninety thousand to infinity—paid $1,789,238 to sit on pine boards bubbling with pitch while the scowling champion methodically destroyed the 168-pound challenger they called the Orchid Man. As Irvin S. Cobb put it in a story that started on the *Times*'s front page and occupied most of Page Nine: "The arts, the sciences, the drama, commerce, politics, the bench, the bar, the great newly-risen bootlegging industry—all these have sent their pick and their perfection to grace this great occasion."

It was more than the Battle of the Century. It was the Mismatch of the Ages. Probably it couldn't have happened at any other moment in history. The War to End War was still a recent ordeal and the peace that followed still had the taste of champagne. French champagne, the stuff American doughboys had learned to associate with Mademoiselle from Armentieres. Here was a son of La Belle France, a certified hero who had won the Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire as an artillery spotter in the French Air Force, come to reach for the unreachable star.

"What's more, he was handsome and worldly—"a Greek athlete statue of Parian marble warmed to life," according to a lady on the *Morning Telegraph*. "A priestess of the white Attic times comes forth to some harmonious sacrifice," wrote James Hopper in the *Tribune*. The challenger was possessed, in the eyes of Heywood Broun, with "one of the most beautiful bodies the prize ring has known."

He could also punch.

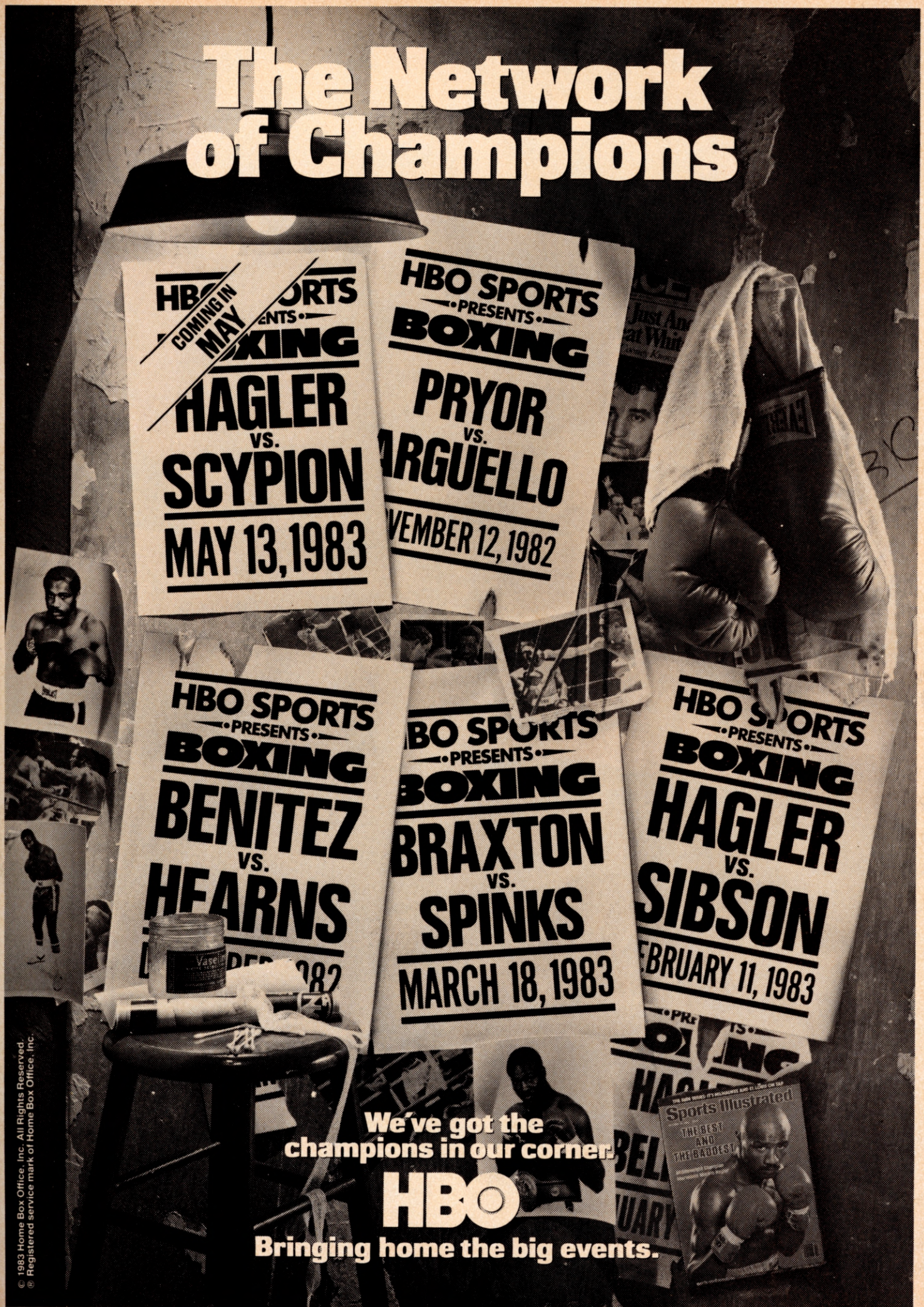
To be sure, his reputation had been nurtured tenderly by a Gallic genius named François Descamps, who started him early fighting in saloons in the coal-mining country around Lens, took him to Paris to grow up on a diet of opponents named Young Snowball and Young Nipper, then let him feast on an assortment of English canvasbacks.

In 1913, he flattened a tall Briton named Bombardier Wells in the first round, and claimed the heavyweight championship of Europe. World War I limited his activity in the ring but after the Armistice he went to London and tagged Joe Beckett, the English heavyweight champion, with one right-hand shot, flattening him in a minute and fifteen seconds.

"I was startled by an amazing apparition," wrote a spectator named George Bernard Shaw. "Nothing less than Charles XII, 'The Madman of the North,' striding along in a Japanese dressing gown as gallantly as if he had not been killed almost exactly 201 years before."

Joe Beckett had hardly been restored to consciousness before Descamps was bawling for a match with Dempsey, who had demolished Jess Willard for the world championship five months earlier. The build-up that followed consumed a year and a half, but it was worth it. As the Dempsey fight approached, Frank Parker Stockbridge explained to *Times* readers why most fans wanted Carpentier to win: "We all share Rosalind's joy when Orlando overcomes Charles the Wrestler."

Neysa McMein, the illustrator, viewed the challenger from the side. "Michael Angelo," she wrote, "would have fainted for joy with the beauty of his profile." Neysa had a sure hand with a sketch pad, but her judgment of fighters faltered. It was Georges, not Michael, who fainted.



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